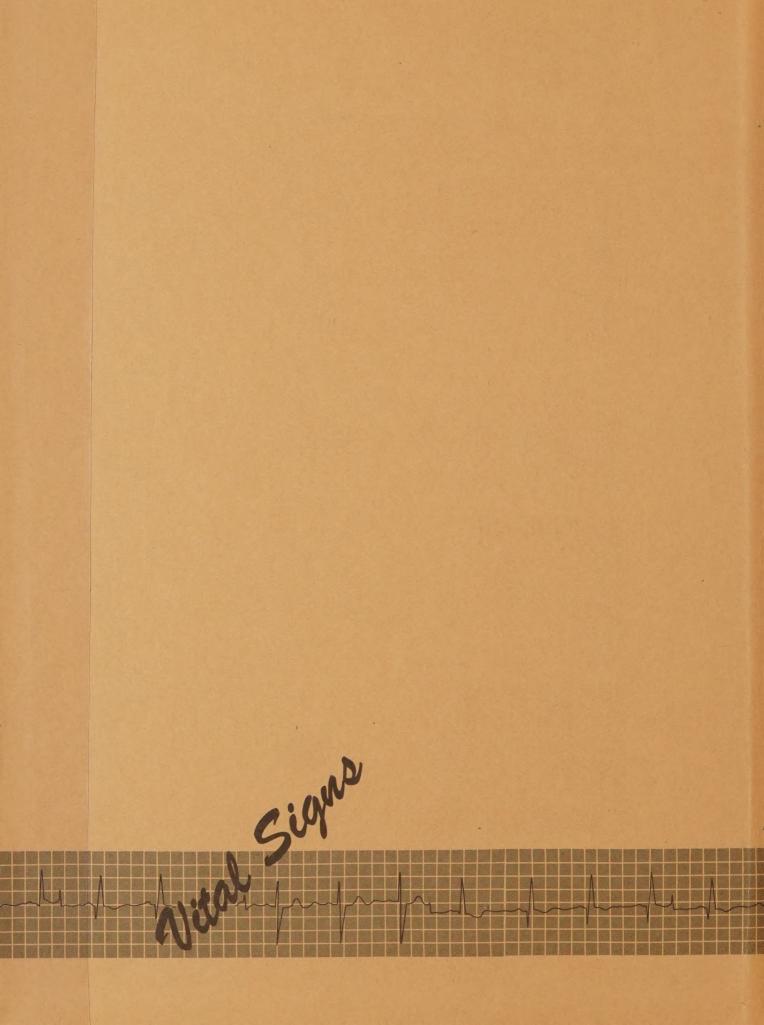


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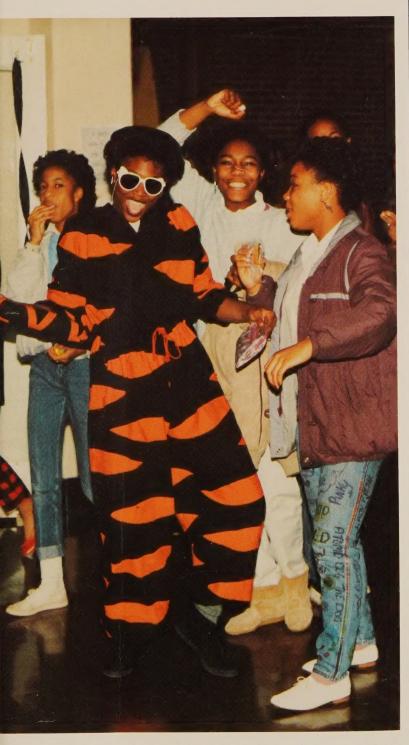


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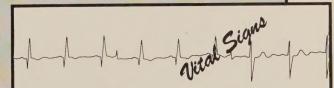
OOL CAT — Dressed as the school mascot, junior Kim Smith shows her ''Bearcat pride'' ang with Angela Lee Lewis, Tonya Shade and Tamera Daggs. Smith was one of eral students who performed as the mascot for football and basketball games.

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## rowing Vital signs on upswing



hat were our vital signs? Not always state championships, outstanding theater productions or National Merit Scholars, but the every day rhythm of two steps forward and occasionally one step back ... that really showed that we were growing.

Our vital signs were the cracking of a charcoal pencil as an art student tried to portray a still life for the third time, or the groans of the team members when the coach said, "Run that play one more time."

The preparations, not necessarily the results, showed that we were alive and kicking. Latenight hours spent getting that

research paper in or preparing for a band competition; getting up at 5:30 a.m. to cram for an exam or just to get your hair curled — these were our vital signs.

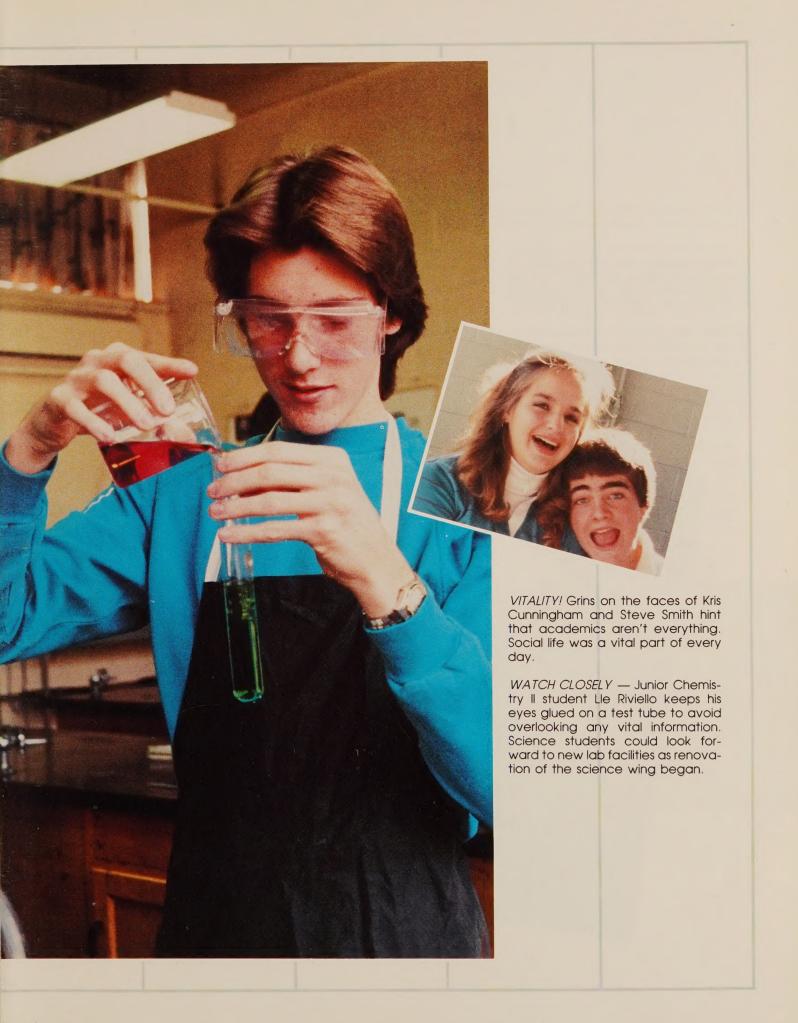
Growth of the school itself was also taking place — another vital sign. Hammers pounded and paint splattered as crews from Kistner Construction Company completed the renovation of the administrative offices and the guidance department only a few weeks before school started. Upon returning to school August 24, students also found a few new classrooms, carpeting in the

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HUMAN SIGNS? Rambunctious V-T week sign painters often found objects other than paper on which to express themselves. As a result, Donnie Hoss finds himself painted from head to toe.

BEACH BUMMIN'— A group of seniors show signs of spring fever as easly as November by throwing a beach party on the senior stage. The group came prepared with shades, beach towels and 60's beach music.









## Growing Continued

band room, and landscaping around the front of the school.

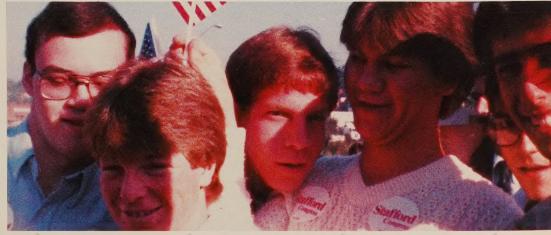
Five new additions to the faculty gave another rhythm to the pulse of the school. Coach Eddie Dutton and his family came from a school system in Alabama to take the position of athletic director. His wife, Patsy Dutton, was also hired as a tenth-grade English teacher.

Other new faces included football coach and math instructor Paul Wheeler, and Richard Watson, who taught ninth and tenth grade English, as well as exploratory drama.

Our vital signs continued throughout the year as the School Board made plans to remodel and modernize the science wing. Many teachers and students agreed with chemistry and physics teacher Mrs. Maxine Sams, whose opinion was that "these improvements are long overdue." Plans to expand the school library were aso being considered.

The ulilization of computers throughout the school was also growing. For the first time, lab students were able to integrate computers directly with lab equipment.

From computers to construction, we were on the upswing. Yes, we grew, though not always by leaps and bounds — and our vital signs proved it!



SIGNS OF SUPPORT — Several students sport flags, signs and stickers for House of Representatives' candidate Jeff Stafford during a rally held at the Train-

station Marketplace. Many of the students came specifically to see former president Gerald Ford who spoke on Stafford's behalf.

# Sof involvement

hat was the basis of student life? Involvement!
On campus or off campus, involvement was the life blood of students' activities, whether they be on the beach, in the lunchroom, at concerts, at football game's, at home or together under the moonlight. Student life meant getting involved — not only in activities, but with each other.

For some, involvement meant sacrificing their last week of "freedom" for football practice in August; for Beth Lohman and Michael Lock, it meant spending part of their summer in France with Miss Dawn Hancock, a French teacher at Virginia Junior High and her students.

For Marjut Nuoriaho and Patrik Svensson, just getting used to an American high school left them with little spare time. These two exchange students from Sweden added a bit of international culture to the classes, clubs and friends with which they were involved.

Our lives were filled with activities, and we enjoyed contributing and sharing with a vitality that made it evident that we were alive and involved.



SOUND SENSATIONS — Big Orange Band members set the mood for a pep rally. The band kept a busy schedule playing at football games, pep rallies and in various parades and competitions.

MASS MOVEMENT — Crowded, buzzing hallways — another vital sign. Students rush out of the cafeteria to beat the tardy bell for fourth period.





July Signs Naat Signs



A TIME TO CRY — Janet Anders and Kelli O'Brien cry as they prepare to leave Buf-falo, N.Y. after teaching Bible schools. The two traveled with their youth group.



A NEW LOOK — PTA Vice-President Linda Pruner and School Board Chairman Curtis Davis inspect the new landscaping around the school. The renovation began in the summer and was sponsored by the PTA.

CATCHIN' THE RAYS — Preparing to sunbathe, junior Candy Scraggs spreads out her towel. Some students could be seen sporting swimsuits and tanning lotion before the thermometer hit 70°.





#### Travel and leisure time fill summer days

ummer (sum'er), n. the warmest season of the year; the season of the year between spring and autumn.

Indeed, summer is the warmest season of the year, but to students it meant something more: no school. Books were turned in and exams were completed, while bottles of Hawaiian Tropic and bathing suits were brought

Students were free to lounge around the house or soak in the sun. Some students had jobs to earn extra money while others traveled. Tammy Bowers went to Los Angeles for the Summer

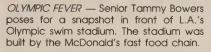
Olympics, while Tonnie Mortez journeyed to Buffalo, N.Y., Toronto, Canada and Niagara Falls with her youth group. "We taught Bible schools and gave concerts everywhere we went. The most beautiful concert was when we sang at the Falls because of the beautiful setting," commented Moretz.

Even though people worked or attended summer school, there was still time to participate in summer activities. Some students relaxed by watching the soaps. Days were spent fooling around and relaxing while the nights were filled with concerts, dates and parties.

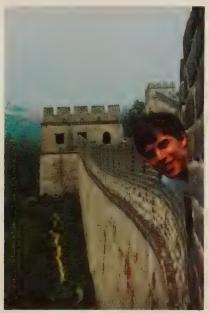
The glorious days of summer ended in August. Football players spent hours under the sun determining to better themselves while band members endured hours of practice at band camp learning the half-time show and cheerleaders attended camp to learn new cheers and pyramids.

Soon notebooks and pencils were bought, lotion bottles emptied and faded swimsuits were put away. Fall clothes were purchased and work uniforms were turned in. Students and teachers alike got into the full swing of things, ready for a new year.





FUN TIMES — Shelly Davidson and Kelly Necessary take a break from working to celebrate the freedom that summer brings. Boating and skiing at the lake, picnics and sunbathing or just a good time goofing off with friends made summer time special.



HANGIN' OUT - Swedish exchange student Patrik Svensson scans the area from atop the Great Wall of China. Svensson visited numerous places before coming to America.



#### Homecoming events kindle burning hopes

usk fell and the lights flared up in the stadium while nervous expectation filtered its way through the heated excitement of the crowd.

The Homecoming game had finally arrived and the unusually warm temperatures set the tone for an enjoyable evening. Although many students, such as Robin Sprouse, felt that "it was a boring game," the Bearcats were leading by 3-0 after two quarters. The football team made its way to the dressing rooms at halftime and the royal entertainment began.

SCA members were in charge of the event, and they encouraged each club in the school to nominate a senior for the Homecoming contest. The student

PRACTICE — Three top ten candidates and their escorts rehearse. Each couple had a designated place in which to stand.

body voted for the top ten finalists a week in advance. In homeroom, on the day of the game, the students selected the queen from the list of the top ten contestants. These ten finalists, their escorts, and the clubs they represented were as follows: Paula Booher represented HOSA and was escorted by Brian Booher, Krissy Cunningham was escorted by Steve Smith and she represented the Big Orange Band, and Wendy Davidson, representing the Drama Club, was escorted by Bobby Tipton.

Also Patty Necessary represented the Junior Civitans and was escorted by Barry Webb, and Daina Odum, representing the Flag Corps, was escorted by Andy Kilinski. Sharon Smith represented the History Club and was escorted by Robbie Wheeler, Tracy Stevens was escorted by

Eric Sikorski and represented the French Club, and Lisa Sykes, representing DECA was escorted by Michael Grigsby. Representing the Latin Club was Bekki Webb, who was escorted by Emmett Bane and, finally, Michelle Widener represented the Varsity Cheerleaders and was escorted by Eric Adams.

The couples paraded onto the field and took their places. Silent anticipation descended on the spectators and everyone awaited the coming announcements. Finally, the winners were made known. The fourth runner-up was Wendy Davidson, third runner-up was Krissy Cunningham, second runner-up was Lisa Sykes, first runner-up was Patty Necessary, and the new queen was Michelle Widener, who ushered in her reigning year with the usual phrase, "I'm so embarrassed!"





QUEEN! Tabetha Gerdes, the former queen, crowns Michelle Widener who represented the cheerleaders.

ROYALTY — Lauren White carries the crown as Tabetha Gerdes looks on. Lauren is Mr. Randy White's daughter.





WHO WILL IT BE? Miss Sue Shaw and Mrs. Betsy Tackett count ballots. The queen was elected by the student body.

#### Spirit precedes showdown

owboys, beach bums, twins, and orange and black figures walked through the sign-covered halls during the week of the annual Virginia-Tennessee football rival-ry.

The clubs began many weeks before V-T week preparing signs for the halls. The theme used by the clubs for the hall decorations was Cowboys and Indians. The students showed their Bearcat pride by dressing up for all the days that were designated for this week.

The cheerleaders also began early preparing morning pep rallies and activities for the week. Senior cheerleader Michelle Widener said, "I believe this year's V-T week was a great success, especially Beach Day. This being my last year to participate, I'm really going to miss it next year." The football team also put in extra hours of preparation for the game.

Each day of the week had a planned special activity. Monday was twin day. Pairs of identically dressed friends walked through the halls. A few pairs of teachers also dressed alike. Raggedy Ann (Dee Halstead, Library secretary) and Raggedy Andy (John Brown, math teacher) won first prize. "I dress up for the fun of it, I like to participate in all V-T activities," said Mrs. Halstead.

Monday night was designated as Twirp night. Girls asked the guys out and then paid for everything. Couples went out for pizza, movies or dinner at one of Bristol's finer restaurants. Senior Steve Smith said, "I feel that this event should be established and practiced on more regular intervals. It gives the guy a break!"

School was out Tuesday for Election Day and Wednesday the school was invaded by cowboys and Indians as students dressed to support the theme.

Thursday was the day to get out shorts, Hawaiian shirts and sunglasses because it was beach day. Teachers helped with the spirit. Mr. Mike Braswell carried a lawn chair and a cooler with him. A beach party was held during first lunch complete with beach music. Several teachers allowed students to sit on their beach





"HOWDY PARTNER" — A couple of cowboys stop and talk before their next class. Steve Hall and Michael Gates dressed to support the theme, Cowboys and Indians.

LIGHT MY FIRE — Principal A.T. Outlaw watches as the fireman prepares the wood for burning. The bonfire was the end to Thursday's many activities.







STRETCH — Arranging streamers, Seniors Kevin Farmer and Robin Sprouse decorate the Calculus class entry for the annual car parade. Winners of the parade were the DECA, Science and History club entries.

UP, UP AND AWAY — The cheerleaders release hundreds of orange and black balloons to add to the pre-game excitement. This culminated the spirit that had been evident throughout the week.



GIVE ME AN "A"! Making demands at gun point to her Calculus teacher, Senior Cindy Smith stops John Brown in the hall. Cowboy dress-up day was Wednesday's activity for V-T week.

FAMILY AFFAIR — The Hot Dog supper is a time for families and Coach Ballard Lee and Mrs. Lee join Mrs. Carlos Lee to observe future Bearcat Carlos Lee, Jr. The supper, sponsored by the PTA, was held prior to the bonfire on Thursday, the eve of the game.







towels in the classroom floor which added a new dimension to learning.

Thursday was also the annual car parade. Club members decorated cars and trucks and rode through the streets announcing to all that they were Bearcats. That evening the annual hot dog supper and bonfire was sponsored by the PTA. The Beta club members created an alumni room with a guestbook, slides, pictures and other memory-provoking activities.

The week's activities climaxed with the arrival of Friday's hourlong pep rally. The day was designated as orange and black day.

Donnie Hoss was voted V-T King by student ballot. The winners of the car parade and hall

BEACH PARTY? Seniors during first lunch spread their lunches on the floor to celebrate Beach day. The seniors' section of the cafeteria took on a new dimension during this unusual fun event.

decorations were announced DECA, Science Club and the History Club were the car parade winners first through third places. The French Club received best hall decorations and the History Club won the best mural.

The game finally arrived along with freezing temperatures. The stands were completely filled with fans. Upon the release of hundreds of orange and black balloons, the spirits rose as the game began. An exciting first half saw the score 7-3 in favor of arch-rival Tennessee High at half

Despite a valiant effort by the 'Cats the scoreboard showed 30-3 for the Vikings. Senior Sharon Smith said, "Even though we weren't expected to win, I still had high hopes. Everyone wants to win his senior year and even though we didn't, it was still special to me, and I'll never forget it or the events we were involved in during the week."





MISS VA. HIGH! Seniors Billy Perry dresses up as Miss Bellena Perry to participate in the mock beauty pageant at Friday's Pep Rally. Perry went on to win the contest and was escorted by Suzette Gray

CHANGE OF SCENE - Students find changing classes a bit more interesting as they look at the signs covering the walls during V-T week. Each club hung its own decorations.



CAUGHT YOU! Government teacher Sue Shaw gets caught modeling Robin Herron's New Wave sunglasses. These sun glasses were a new fad among the students spurred on by the movie "Risky Business".

BEING DIFFERENT — In totally untypical fashion, this senior English class enjoys a special privilege — sitting on the floor while listening to teacher Mrs. Doris Booth. The occasion was a dress-up day in November wearing beach attire complete with glasses, towels and sand buckets and a touch of zinc oxide reminicent of summer fun.



#### Chasing away the monotony of daily routine

chool on Saturday? You gotta be kiding." Everybody wanted to know who in his right mind would want to go to school on Saturday. Four Saturdays were added to the school calendar to make up for lost snow days.

Junior Linda Goodwin said, "To come to school on Saturdays seems like a big waste of time, because three-fourths of all the people in each of my classes are missing."

Birthdays also proved to make

the day untypical. Walking down the halls, lockers decorated with birthday wrappings and balloons in the locker, helped make the day special. Senior Tracie Hennes received a birthday cake complete with eighteen candles from her friend Tracy Stevens.

V-T week was very untypical. The halls were decorated from ceiling to floor in every wing. Students dressed alike were seen strolling the halls on twin day. Cowboy dress-up day made everyone feel like a member of the

cast of "Dallas". Beach Day was the most original day. Seniors had a beach party on the stage in the lunchroom. Senior Emmett Bane said, "It was a real blast! It gave the 'unique' students an opportunity to get wild for at least one day of the boring year." On Beach day students were seen in tropical shirts, shorts, flip flops, and sun glasses.

Even when something "big" wasn't going on, there was always something untypical waiting to happen.





A DIFFERENT VIEW — Students in the French Club, spare some Saturday morning time to hang V-T signs. The hall won first prize in the hall contest for the week.

PRETTY AS A PICTURE — Senior boys "dress up" for the 1984-85 "Homecomina" beauty pageant. The winner was Miss Bellina Perry alais Billy Perry

PERFECT SIZE — Making sure the snowman is in proportion, Trevor Mathes and Amy Geiger smooth out the rough edges. Sleigh riding was also an enjoyed activity during the snows.



GOING HOME — To fight off the cold chilly air, junior Penny Collins gets her coat from her locker. The warm building felt good during the winter.

TO THE TOP — Lorie Black poses with Washington Redskin Mike Nelms at the Winter Special Olympics held at Wintergreen Resort in Charlottesville, Virginia. Lorie won two bronze medals in Alpine skiing.





ALL COVERED — Snow covers the school grounds in April and creates a great snowball fight area. The snow caused al-

terations in the school schedule several times, pushing the end-of-school closing further into June.



#### Excess snow and 20° below

he leaves had all fallen, the chill in the air had turned to cold. Snowflakes fell to cover the streets, trees and houses. Students arrived wearing sweaters, coats and gloves. Winter had arrived!

It was time to pack away swimsuits and other summer clothes and get out the warm clothes. Although summer's activities had come to a close, winter had some activities of its own in store.

With football season ending in the fall, basketball season and winter came hand-in-hand. Students went from swimming to building snowmen. Some of the winter activities really caught the students' attention, like Christmas vacation and especially those nights when the snowfall resulted in delay of school schedule or even cancellation.

Snow caused the students to miss nine days. So the students and teachers could have a spring break, those days were added to the end of the year and made up on Saturdays.

When Patrick Widener was asked about going to school on Saturday he said, "The six-day week cuts into my weekend, and I miss the extra time,"



FINAL TOUCHES — Finishing up their snowman, Kim Pierce and Steve Hall add the final touches. Students found loads of fun things to do on a "snow day" break from school.





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• Summer Olympic Games in L.A. • Ronald Reagan re-elected San Francisco wins Super Bowl

- Tigers take World Series
- First women in space

BEING SWORN IN — Frist lady Nancy Reagan looks on as President Ronald Reagan is sworn in during ceremonies in the Ro-tunda that were forced indoors by a re-cord inaugural freeze Reagan was projected as being the winner by registered seniors in the school's mock election held before Nov. 6.







#### Witnessing firsts and seconds

year of firsts — and seconds! On the political scene, students encountered two major firsts — Geraldine Ferraro, the first female candidate for Vice President, and Virginia state Senator Douglas Wilder, who became the first black candidate for the office of Lieutenant Governor.

Making medical history, William Schroeder became the first recipient of an artificial heart.

For the first time in the lives of most Bristolians, temperatures plummeted to a bone-chilling minus 20° during the harshest winter on record for this region.

Then came the encores. Both President Ronald Reagan and ninth district Congressman Rick Boucher were reelected to their respective offices for a second term. However, the "teflon coating," as the press dubbed it, of

PIZZA PARTY — Artificial heart implant recipient William Schroeder sits up in his hospital bed and enjoys a pizza while nurse Sandy Chandler stands by. Schroeder was the first human to receive such a transplant.

Reagan's landslide victory over the Mondale-Ferraro ticket began to wear thin as controversial diplomatic issues surfaced surrounding the crisis in Central America and his visit to a Nazi cemetery in Bittburg, Germany. Other recurrences included the second defeat of liquor-by-thedrink in Bristol, Va. and the death of another Soviet premier, Constantine Chernenko.

Some controversies hit closer to home, however. The firing of Superintendent Royce Quarles led to a court case and several appeals when Judge Charles Flanagan ruled that the School Board had fired Quarles "without justifiable cause." The cities of Bristol, Va. and Bristol, Tn. also found themselves in court with Boone Lake residents whose property had greatly decreased in value due to sludge deposits found in the lake.

So, for the many firsts that students witnessed locally and nationally, there were just as many important seconds — encores that communicated some strong feelings of trust, or mistrust.

GETTING AQUAINTED — Congressman Rick Boucher chats with one of his constituents at the Pulaski Airport. Though Boucher was defeated by Jeff Stafford in the school's mock election, he was reelected to represent the ninth congressional district on November 6.



FIGHTING FLAMES — A Bristol fire fighter battles flames that destroyed a downtown art gallery in May. An estimated \$1 million worth of paintings were lost in the blaze.



#### It's a holiday if it's two days or ten

chool started and it was back to the books. Everyone was excited about seeing friends they had missed over the summer.

Then, the same routine started getting old. Students started to look forward to Fridays and Saturdays, and long weeks off for holi-

Weekends were the most regular occurance for time away from school. It was a time to sleep late, stay up late, and being with friends doing what ever the urge happened to be.

School was no longer on the mind. Homework had been thrown under the bed, not to be removed until the last minute.

Todd Jackson commented, "On weekends, I enjoy going out with Noel and spending time at Hop In with the guys."

Christmas break finally arrived for two weeks. Students spent their time with family and friends.

Jody Jessee commented, "I always enjoy spending time with my mom and sister and that

someone special during the holidays."

Free time, relaxed and away from all the pressures at school was good for everyone and made school more bearable.

WOULD YOU LIKE -- Friends often ran into each other while spending time at the Mall. Tommy Hyatt and April Newton try out the soup while strolling through Hickory

FOR YOU - Students exchanged carnations for Valentines Day sponsored by the SCA. Tracy Stevent delivers to Steve Hall two flowers from admirees.





A CHRISTMAS GIFT — Making kids smile during the holidays was always a treat. Mrs. Cathy Parker's Puppeteers performed "The Chipmunks' Twelve Days of Christmas'' at McDonalds.

LABOR OF LOVE - Jill Booth, Wendy Blevins and Danny Stapleton prepare goodies for a local nursing home for Easter. Classes were often involved with projects in the community to suppliment their courses of study, such as this Home Eco-











A FAVORITE ACTIVITY — Going out on dates was always looked forward to on weekends. Bekki Webb and Torr Coulthard are browsing through Record Bar looking at the latest hits.

PINBALL TIME — Find one guy, you would always find the rest. Matt Theil plays pinball, while Todd Jackson looks on, hoping the ball will drain.

#### After that final bell

h, it's finally 2:30 and I'm free at last. Well except for ..." These thoughts were voiced by many students leaving the school. Work, volunteer work, detention hall, church activities and homework took up the majority of the student's time. Many times a combination of these activities had to be done.

There were a few activities that were not "musts" and had to be filled in somewhere. Talking on the phone, shopping and visiting friends were a few activities that were not required activities of the day.

Some school activities such as club meetings, club projects, working on a play and rehearsals for Spring Festival took much of the students' and teachers' after-school time.

There were many talented students including dancers, actors, and musicians. Lisa Chiang and Amy Cheng were members of the Johnson City Youth Orchestra. Both girls played violin and practiced several hours each week.

Noel Dillow and Kristine Joslyn were members of the Bristol Ballet Company. Joslyn said, "I love my classes I take after school. I'm going to be something someday, but it takes hard work. But it's sometimes hard to keep up with my homework."

Teachers have after-school

activities also. English teacher Carol Propst said, "Before I began teaching, I didn't realize the quantity of work that teachers must often do after school. Aside from after-school meetings, there are papers to grade, grades to average, lessons to prepare, and lots of reading to do (especially for English teachers). For me, the day usually doesn't end until sometime after midnight, only to begin again at six the next morning."

Mr. John Brown, math teacher, was a representative for the sixth district. English instructor Randy White was Brown's assistant and also was director and producer of the Spring Festival. Mrs. Marianne Post spent much of her time working on building doll houses. Many teachers have the job of mother and housekeeper after school. Art instructor Mrs. Cheryl Wilhoit had the task of caring for a newborn infant, and Mrs Sonja Holcomb, English teacher, had three children to care for.

Some vocational teachers also taught at night either at classes held at the high school or at area colleges. Miss Melba Hayter, accounting and business computer applications teacher, also teaches at night at Bristol College. She said, "Teaching on the college level is enjoyable, although having a part-time job can make the days very long."

WHERE DOES THIS GO? Mrs. Marianne Post and her husband, Hugh, work on a doll-house. This hobby took up a majority of the Posts' time.



DANCE THE NIGHT AWAY — Couples crowd the dance floor after a ballgame. Dances were a fun after-hours event.









ASSEMBLY LINE? Juniors Lori Robbins, Lle Riviello and Pat Widener fold the school newspaper the night before it is to be distributed. Both publications involved numerous after-school hours.

WHERE'S THE TAPE? Seniors Jennifer Kinkead and Janet Anders decorate the cafeteria for the Queen and King of Basketball Dance. The History Club sponsored this club activity.

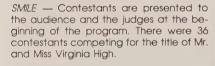
LOCKED OUT - Mrs. Clemmer Ann Allen and Michelle Bennett open the gate after returning from a DECA contest. After-hour activities were common with both students and teachers.

ISN'T THIS PRETTY? Two ladies attending the Spring Festival admire the display case set up outside the auditorium. Most popular were fashion items from the early 1900's and accessories.

A LITTLE HELP — Regina Oalmer aids Bekki Webb in tying her bandana. Someone was always needed to pin a dress, fix hair, or help make a quick change.







TAKING A BREAK — Miss Annette Acuff and Mrs. Cheryl Wilhoit check their lists for a final time before the contestants appear on stage. Mrs. Wilhoit was in charge of planning the contestant part of the show.







#### 60 years of music in 2 hours

ick, tock, tick, tock ... from the look of the set these sounds could have been coming from any part of the stage. The stage was covered with a variety of clocks, from an hourglass to a digital clock; this suited the theme of "Time after Time." The program traced music history, through song and dance, from the 1900's to the 1980's and was directed by Mr. Randy White.

After the presentation of the 36 contestants representing the various clubs, sports' teams and each class level, the show began. Mrs. Cheryl Wilhoit was in charge of the contestants who were judged in the old gym before the show began. The preliminary judging took place a few hours before the show was to start. The judges based their decisions on grooming, posture and beauty.

The show began with the master of ceremonies, Eric Hurt, introducing the program. Many slides were shown of early Bristol sites.

The audience was taken back to the turn of the century with the songs "Let Me Call You Sweet-heart" and "Me and My Gal."

A pointe ballet was performed to "On Golden Pond" by Noel Dillow. Also in the 1950's the song "Lollipop" was sung by Jenny Utt and Ginger Settle.

At intermission the audience

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MIRROR IMAGE — Becky Harkins puts on her clown makeup for her act. The clowns danced to the song "Send in the Clowns.

LET ME CALL YOU SWEETHEART — Carolyn Waldo sings the 1900's song to open the show. The show traced music history from the 1900's to the 1980's.

had the opportunity to view the showcases which had been filled with old pictures of Bristol and other antiques.

The show continued with the 1960's. This music was more familiar to the students. Emmett Bane was assisted by twelve ladies representing each month in his performance of "Calendar Girl."

Clowns and helium balloons

SMALL TALK — Members of the second act cast take a moment to stop and discuss their performances. The second act traced music history from the 1960's to the 1980's.

ushered in the 1970's with "Send in the Clowns." The 1980's started with a dance to set the tone for the period using the song, "Rhythm of the Night."

When the 80's ended, the cast returned with Matt Shy singing "As Time Goes By." The finale ended with a cheer and a shuffle of events. The contestants were on their way on stage as the cast was on its way off.

The coronation time was almost near and excited contestants, parents and the crowd waited for the final word as to

who would reign as Mr. and Miss Virginia High. The envelope was opened and the results were: fourth runner-up, Jon Vanover and Kim Pierce; third runners-up, Chris Oliver and Candy Scragg; second runners-up, Matt Thiel and Kim Crowe; first runners-up, Johnathon Ball and Patty Necessarv. The 1984-85 Mr. and Miss Virginia High were Chris Kinkead and Karen Yates.

After all the excitement of the coronation and the show, all that was left were memories to last "Time after Time."





LAST INSTRUCTIONS — The first act singers listen to instructions from the producer Randy White. The first act was composed of songs dating back to the 1900's.

ROYAL COUPLE — The new Mr. and Miss Virginia High pose for photographs. The 1984-85 Queen and King were Karen Yates and Chris Kinkead.



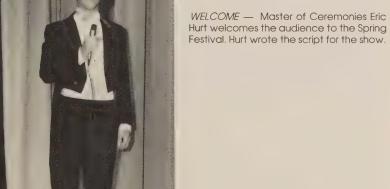
LAST TOUCH - Contestants make last minute adjustments in the hall before going on stage. The top ten were presented after intermission



SEND IN THE CLOWNS — Penny Collins, Robin Detrick, Becky Harkins, Amy Mull, Chrissy Johnson, and Margaret Helms finish their act. The clowns were the first act in



SMILE — Members of two of the dance groups pose for a publicity shot. The dancers represented the 1940's and





NIGHTTIME DUTY — A never-ending chore is getting the building in shape. Custodian Barbara Carter prepares to tackle a classroom so it will be clean for the next day.

#### Students and faculty shape up

etting in shape. For some students, those words brought fear to their minds. The thought of extra exercise was too much to bear.

Many students spent their extra time running or lifting weights with friends several afternoons during the week. Some even signed up for aerobics classes with their friends to get in shape and socialize at the same time.

The salad bar provided a chance for students and faculty to obtain a low-calorie meal instead of the regular tray lunches. Those who were dieting and those who simply counted calories for the fun of it also enjoyed the salad bar.

Getting in shape was not limited to physical activity alone. Stu-

dents made efforts to shape up mentally, as well. Some took night classes for college credit and others spent extra time on homework to understand the day's learning activities. Some even spent hours after school practicing or completing projects. Band members, cheerleaders, drama students, choral groups and publications students were often involved as well as the numerous athletes.

But students were not all that helped get things in shape. Custodians worked late into the night getting the building in shape for another day. The building was also improve physically through the efforts of the School Board with the renovation of the administrative and guidance offices.







PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT — Shaping up a routine for competition is the Big Organge Band flag corps. Getting it perfect took dedication and hours of extra practice



BE CAREFUL — Athletes had to shape up for their individual sports activities. Many used sixth period in the weight lab to tone up muscles and increase endurance.



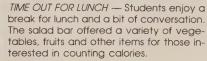


FIRST THINGS FIRST — There was no reason for juniors Kim Childress and April Newton to decide which was most important, homework or sunbathing. They, like many others, combine the two on a sunny spring



cise was obtained without running or lifting weights. Office helpers Phillip Roe and Duane Goff get boxes of paper from the storage room for office secretary Elizabeth Whitaker.







WARMING UP - Faculty members Sue Cressel and Linda Duckworth stretch before beginning their daily jogging after school. Students as well as faculty exer-cised to keep in shape.



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### Involvement counts

Involvement was the lifeblood in student life. Only those who committed themselves were aware of the fullness one could experience as a student. Vital signs of involvement and student life went hand in hand everyday.

Vocational competitions were the results of the extension of the classroom learning of skills and expertise and practiced through the organizations such as VICA, DECA, FBLA, HOSA, etc.

Clubs gave members a feeling of belonging, of being a vital part of a group working together for a common purpose. The organizations met regularly and planned events such as field trips to places near and far for suplimenting a study unit or competing on a district, state or national level.

Then there were projects which kept club members busy collecting for Santa Pals, making favors for nursing homes, compiling scrap books or building stage sets. These projects were financed by sales of calendars, candles, candy, etc. Christmas and end-of-theyear parties and banquets often highlighted the year for these clubs.

This mini-mag will show this involvement and the organizations that worked together to prove there were signs — vital signs — that we were alive and kicking and doing well.



PRACTICING SKILLS — Peering through a protective face mask, Randy Mikeals learns fundamentals of welding. Classroom skills were often extended to club competitions.

WORDS OF WISDOM — Vocational Director Paul Dugger speaks at the annual Employee-Employer Banquet. Dugger announced his retirement at the close of the year after serving as director for 12 years.

#### Beta members earn sense of accomplishment

Crowding forty some people into room 134 every first and third Friday of the month was not an easy task, but cramped quarters did not seem to hamper the Junior and Senior Beta Club members from getting down to business. From November to May, the club kept busy soaking down cars (and themselves), wrapping packages, showing old pictures or, if nothing else, gobbling down refreshments.

November's calendar quickly filled for Beta mem-

SCRUBA-DUB-DUB — Beta Club members Todd Jackson and Tammy Bowers combine their efforts at the car wash the club held on an unseasonably warm day in November.

bers. There was a car wash and an induction ceremony for the new juniors. An Alumni Reunion Room was also held on the night of the V-T hot dog supper to give homecoming Bearcats a chance to refresh the memories of their high school years through old year-

books, newspapers and video tapes of past Spring Festivals. As Christmas neared, car wash money was used to buy gifts that, along with items donated by members, were wrapped and taken to a needy mother and her two children. Money was also donated to the P.T.A. Lands-

caping Fund.

As Spring came and went, another car wash was held, as well as a spring picnic. But not far from the minds of the senior members was graduation, when they could wear their hard-earned Beta Club cords with a sense of accomplishment.





JUNIOR BETA CLUB — Front row: Rebecca Moore, Michelle Humbert, Christi Jones, Lori Taylor, Becky Barker, Jill Honaker, Angela Courtney, Robin Detrick, Second row: Patricia Turner, Susan Dixon, Sharon Dixon, Pam Weaver, Kelli Walker, Susan Sikora, Beth Lohman, Cindy Campbell. Third row: Todd Jackson, April Newton, Eric Hurt, Suzanne Corley, Matt Thiel, Jim Horton, Susan Francis, Chris White. Back row: Lle Riviello, Wade Hamilton, Patrick Widener.



SENIOR BETA CLUB — Front row: Sergeant at Arms Jeff Shelton, Secretary Cathy Lawson, President Stephen Smith, Vice President Bobby Tipton, Treasurer Charlie Dye. Second Row: Michelle Widener, Robin Sprouse, Cindy Smith, Valerie Wood, Tonnie Moretz, Amy Geiger, Tammy Bowers, Toni Shockley. Back row: Bekki Webb, Andy Kilinski, Walter Dannhardt, Jarvis Offield.

# Holidays provide



## service opportunities

Holidays! Exciting times gave Keyettes the incentive to help other people.

Thanksgiving was celebrated, in part, by the members of the Keyette Club when they collected money in order to buy a turkey for the Haven of Rest Rescue Mission, a home that provides food and shelter for indigents. The Christmas spirit also provoked the club into sponsoring a needy family by giving them food, toys and clothes.

As Valentine's Day rolled around, Keyette members were busy planning a dance. This one included a new fac-

HAVING A GREAT TIME! Enjoying the Valentine's Dance sponsored by the Keyettes are Tonia Carty and Robbie Branson.

PIG OUT — Senior Beta member Bekki Webb allows newly inducted Junior Beta members Patricia Turner, April Newton and Pat Widener to have the first choice of the refreshments.

et: pictures were taken of the couples, and the profit was donated to the American Heart Association through their ueen of Hearts candidates, Michelle Widener and Lori Robbins.

Also in regard to service, the Keyette Club was responsible for the Jim McGrady Memorial Award which was given at the Senior Luncheon. It is annually awarded to a deserving young man who is active in school and community ser-





KEYETTES - Front row: "Sweetheart" Eric Adams, Reporter Cathy Lawson, Vice President Tracy Stevens, President Tracie Hennes, Severtary Michelle Widner, Treasurer Robin Sprouse, Sponsor Mrs. Cheryl Wilholt. Second row: Sharon Smith, April Maines, Kim Crowe, Amy Mull, Amy Rose, Robin Detrick. Third row: Lori Robbins, Castella Charles, Kim Ramey, Mandi Steele, Noel Dillow, Itsy Lowry, Julie Jordan, Pam Weaver. Back row: Stephanie Johnson, Dene McCormick, Kim Pierce, Karen Yates, Michelle Wampler, Kelly Walker.

### Speakers and trips highlight year

Over and above the usual V-T week mural painting and car parade (in which they won third place), Homecoming and Spring Festival candidates and sponsoring a dance, Science Club members enjoyed some activities that did not fall under the category of regular club involvement.

The club heard several guest speakers, including Mr. Bob Herndon, a former NASA employee who discussed space travel, and Dr. Ed Burke at the King College observatory. The trip to this local college observatory also included "slides of sixteen U.S. Federal Telescopes and astronomy programs of King students," added Co-sponsor Mrs. Edith Glover.

Some of the club's other

excursions included a six mile hike at Mount Rogers and a meeting with American Chemical Society representatives at the Peachtree Restaurant. At this meeting, they heard Dr. Dan Menzel from Duke University's Department of Pharmacology speak on "The Biological spects of Vitamin E Utilization."

On a more school-oriented level, the organization sponsored an Alcohol Awareness poster contest for some of Mrs. Glover's biology students and awarded cash prizes to the winners.

So, for their \$3 dues, the twenty Science Club members were exposed to opportunities to increase their knowledge as well as to participate in traditional club functions.



BALLOONS, BALLOONS — Science Club President Robin Herron adorns their third place wnning V-T car parade entry with balloons and streamers

### Helping others

Making life enjoyable for other people seemed to be the basis for the activities of the Future Homemakers of America.

The Christmas season ushered in feelings of good

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DRAMA CLUB — Front row: Secretary Cindy Smith, Vice-President Lisa Tilley, President Angie Icenhour. Second row: Heather Gaskiil, Sandy Sharrett, Vanessa Hagy, Debbie Whited, Bonnie Allison, Rhonda Mullins, John Cheng. Third row: Shannon Marshall, Amy Cheng, Marjut Nuoriaho, Don Sanderson, Angela Snodgrass, Jennifer Wright. Fourth row: Shawn Swaverly, Matt Theil, Tom Hyatt, Lisa Chiang, Shannon Scyphers, Susan Willis, Sandra Henley, April Maines, Polly Sutherland, Sherri Ferguson. Back row: James Bennington, Scott Farmer, Patrick Svenson.



FHA — Front row: Vice President Jill Boothe, Sponsor Mrs. Helen Coleman, Secretary Lisa Stidham. Back row: Photographer Danni Stapleton, Historian Wendy Blevins, President Sara Bishop.

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will in the hearts of FHA club members and they shared this with a needy family. The Santa Pal program provided the opportunity to give a family food and clothes.

Easter baskets were delivered to children in the hospital in early April by the FHA.

Another enjoyable activity in which the FHA participated was the vocational dance, co-sponsored by the club members.

JUST A FEW MORE SPOTS — Spread out on the study hall floor, Jenny Hand works diligently on a Civinette poster for V-T week.



CIVINETTES — Front row: Historian Stephanie Leonard, Reporter Sharon Smith, President Tonnie Moretz, Vice President Bekki Webb, Secretary Amy Geiger, Treasurer Susan Sikora. Second row: Michelle Barron, Amy Rainero, Cheryl Murphy, Laura Widner, Sandra Henley, Lisa McCroskey, Third row: Kelli Burchette, Lori Dutton, Shannon Scyphers, Angie Owens, Becky Lewis, Tara Fuller, Lisa M. Carrier. Back row: Jill Crutchfield, Suzette Gray, Lisa Chiang, Becky Harkins, Melissa Hutton, Kim Blevins, Krissy Johnson, Kim Hartsock.



SCIENCE CLUB — Front row: Sponsor Mrs. J. Minnick, Secretary Matt Thiel, Treasurer Jill Honaker, Vice President Rebecca Moore, President Robin Herron, Sponsor Mrs. E. Glover. Second row: Polly Sutherland, Gail Trump, Kelli Walker, John Cheng, Kevin Davis, Amy Rainero, Kim Ramey. Third row: Jarvis Offield, Amy Cheng, Carolyn Waldo, Krysta Combs, Michelle Bussey, Stephanie Leonard, Susan Willis. Back row: Shane Dillow, Tony McMurray, James Bennington, Scott Farmer.

## Focusing on trouble spots

Jobs began a year earlier in May and, after a great deal of anxiety, tasks were defined and work commenced.

These jobs were the ones of the Student Council Association officers. As soon as school began in August, the officers took their positions and chose the members of the Student-Faculty Steering Committee. The five officers, in addition to the twenty-eight members of the committee, met approximately once a month in order to discuss problems facing the school and allow for student imput on various topics.

In addition to contributing to the government within the school, the SCA also participated in service activities at Christmas. They went caroling at a nursing home in hopes of sharing the festive Christmas spirit. Concerning this experience, Michael Grigsby commented, "it was very rewarding for everyone involved, and I think the older people there appreciated it more than we probably realized." The SCA also sponsored a family through the Santa Pal program. This project involved collecting and delivering Christmas gifts to the children of an underprivileged family.

Money-making projects were undertaken by the SCA in order to replenish the low

A NEW LOOK — Several History Club members try to create a more festive atmosphere in the cafeteria for the dance to be held that night.



HISTORY CLUB: — Front row: Sandy Johnson, Patty Collins, Jennifer Kinkead, Amy Geiger, Katie Fleu, Vicki Whitaker, Traci Davis, April Newton, Don Sanderson. Second row: Janet Anders, Kim Hartsock, Julie Jordan, Billy Griffin, Amy Rainero, Itsy Lowry, Jeff Powers. Third row: Thomas Leonard, Sharon Smith, Cindy Wright, Suzanne Corley, Wally Steele, Stephanie Leonard, Dawn Younce, Lisa Helton. Back row: Sponsor Mr. Lowell Sluss, Lori Robbins, Dene McCormick, Tracy Stevens, Daina Odum, Missy Owens, Walter Dannhardt, Eric Sikorski, Trevor Mathes. Not pictured: Tracie Hennes, Carolyn Waldo, Scotty Branson. First semester officers: President Amy Geiger, Vice President Katie Fleu, Treasurer Patty Collins, Secretary Tracy Stevens, Reporter Jennifer Kinkead. Second semester officers: President Katie Fleu, Vice President Vicki Whitaker, Secretary April Newton, Treasurer Traci Davis, Reporter Don Sanderson.



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supply in the treasury. They tried a new approach by introducing the "computer match" method of finding the perfect date. The student body was very responsibe to this fad, as evidenced by the large number of people that filled out the forms. The sale of carnations at Valentine's Day was the second method used by the SCA to earn money. This endeavour also proved successful, despite the fact that the flowers were not actually delivered until February 18 because of a huge snowstorm!

Tradition was continued when the SCA sponsored the Homecoming game in the fall and the Student-Faculty basketball game in the early spring. The SCA was effective in making both sporting events enjoyable entertainment.



How can a history club find anything to do in relation to history in Bristol?

It's easy! The highlight of the year for the History Club was a trip to Cumberland Gap, Kentucky and Lincoln Memorial University, both of which are within one hundred miles of home.

In order to finance the trip, members of the club engaged in fund-raising activities such as selling hats and buttons. Money left over from these projects went toward helping a needy family at Christmas. They also sponsored a dance the same night that the king and queen of basketball were

crowned. ALL EARS - The Student-Faculty Steering Committee listens intently to the discussion at hand. Subjects varied from the condition of





SCA OFFICERS - Front row: President Jeff Shelton. Second row: Vice President Itsy Lowry, Secretary Mike Grigsby, Back row: Treasurer Lori Robbins, Sponsor Sue Shaw, Reporter Angle Icenhour



STEERING COMMITTEE: Front row: Jeff Shelton, Angie Icenhour, Lori Robbins, Itsy Lowry, Mike Grigsby, Second row: Sponsor Sue Shaw, Patty Necessary, Sharon Smith, Tammy Sprouse, Lisa Carrier, Noel Dillow, April Dillow, Tiffany Arnold, Steve Smith, Eric Hurt. Back row: Tammy Bowers, Amy Geiger, Lisa Chaing, Tracy Stevens, Tommy Hyatt, Suzanne Corley, Steve Hall, Emmett Bane.

### Taking an old language to new heights

In mid December, a couple of days before Christmas break, teachers all over the school heard a knock on their doors. When they opened it, they were greeted with the smiling faces of several Latin Club members and the aroma of various baked goods, snack foods and soft drinks that were on a cart in front of them. This annual treat for the faculty members, known as the "Christmas Cart", was one of several projects that the Latin Club undertook.

The twenty-six members were on the go from fall to spring. Four veteran members piled into sponsor Robin Bowery's car on November 15 and headed for Norfolk. Armed with togas and tattered copies of poems and skits to be memorized, these students garnered several awards in the various areas of competition. Senior Lisa Tilley received a third place award for her presentation of Venus's appeal to Jupiter in Vergil's Aeneid, as well as fifth place in the Roman Life category. Senior Bobby Tipton was awarded seventh place on the Mythology V test.

The club's winter activities included the "Christmas Cart" and a complimentary Foreign Language Tea for the faculty members on March 7. The tea was a joint effort on the part of the French, Latin and Spanish clubs

As spring approached, the Latin club members added Language Day, a car wash and the annual Latin Club Banquet to their calendars. Nine students attended the Language Day festivities at ETSU on March 28, which included competitions, a movie and a banquet. Again, the club members brought home numerous awards. Senior Cindy Smith came away with third place in the

singing competition and Mona Sledge took third place in Latin I poetry recitation while Lisa Tilley, Jeff Shelton and Bobby Tipton captured first, second and third, respectively, in Latin III poetry.

To wind down the year, the annual Latin Club Banquet was held on May 8. The banquet, financed primarily with proceeds from the car wash, was open to club members and their dates.

### Lifeblood

Health is an important facet of anyone's life, and the members of the Health Occupation Student Association devoted themselves to

Led by Sue Cressel, a registered nurse, the HOSA club held a blood pressure clinic and a blood drive. The continued on page 45

IT WON'T HURT A BIT — Senior blood donor Thomas Leonard grimaces at the sight of the needle during HOSA's week-long blood



HOSA — Front row: Sponsor Sue Cressel, R.N., President Paula Holmes, Secretary Paula Booher, Vice President, Lori Beilamy, Treasurer, Candee Pippin, Historian, Tracy Lewis, Chaplain Dori Collins, Reporter Angle Melvin, Parliamentarian Angela Statzer, Sentinel Charlotte Sipes. Second row: Erica Cline, Jenny Nelson, Leslie Wright, Rhonda Williams, Melissa Vaughn, Tarmmy Mitchell, Shelia Cox, Amy Perry, Kelli Hall, 'Angela Dunn. Back row: Tammy Sipes, Jenny Slagle, Dina Widener, Nancy Linville, Jenny Ketron, Sharon Jackson, Christine Burke, Michelle Campbell, Alvin Winters.



INDUSTRIAL ARTS — Front row: Tony Offield, Billy Griffin, Jeff Powers, Sponsor Mr. M. Dugger, Back row: James Woods, Jerry Campbell, David Peters, David Ford.



A GOOD FOUNDATION — Mr. Tom Nelson demonstrates masonry skills to Industrial Arts Club members.

SNOOZZZZZ — On the way to Norfolk for the State Latin Convention, seniors Jeff Shelton and Bobby Tipton catch a little shut-eye in the back seat:

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LATIN CLUB — Front row: President Bobby Tipton, Vice President Jeff Shelton, Secretary Noel Dillow, Treasurer Robin Detrick, Historian Itsy Lowry, Sponsor Robin Bowery. Second row: Becky Jackson, Julie Jordan, Lisa Tilley, Kamini Desai, Becky Roe, Johnna Meadows, Jenny Meadows. Back row: Bekki Webb, Sharon Smith, Candy Woody, Cheryl Murphy, Jimmy Barker, Jon Arnold, Kelly Klepper, Mona Sledge.



THESPIANS — Front row: Vice President Lisa Tilley, Secretary Cindy Smith, President Angie Icenhour. Back row: Rob Branson, Michelle Dishner, Cindy Campbell.

### Competitive efforts

Small numbers did not hinder the photography club from snapping their way to success. Under the sponsorship of Mrs. Edith Glover, the club's ten members strove to improve their photographic skills through various activities.

Several contests were entered by club members, giving them an opportunity to display the fruits of their efforts. These were the Cultural Arts Contest sponsored by the P.T.A. and Kingsport's Parks-Belk Art Contest. In the P.T.A. contest, the first place winners, Phillip Eades, Amy Cheng and Cindy Wright, had their photos sent on to state competition.

Photography, however, is an expensive hobby and club members found it necessary to raise funds to support their creative efforts. For this reason, club members were seen selling candy during V-T week. This money was collected and used

"to purchase materials for framing their photos and to finance their annual trip," reported sponsor Mrs. Edith Glover.

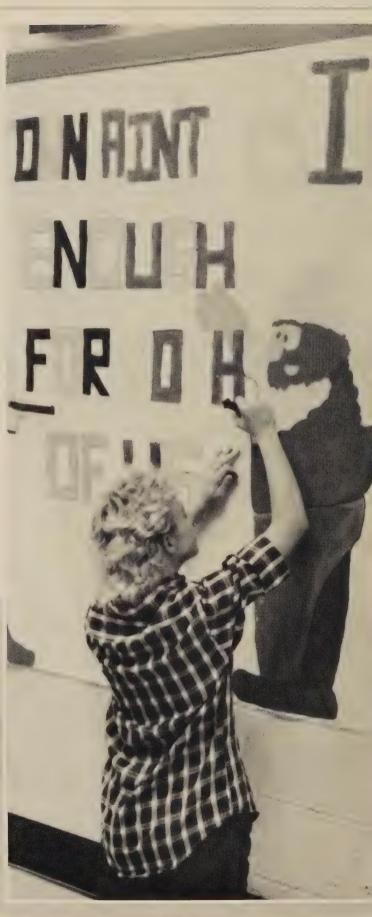
A major event for the aspiring photographers was an all day excursion to Lincoln Memorial University, Lincoln Museum and the Cumberland Gap area. Beginning with breakfast at McDonald's, the group joined the Civitans and the History Club, cameras in hand, for the trip.

The club also participated in some of the more traditional school activities by nominating candidates for Homecoming and Spring Festival. President Cindy Wright represented her club for both events, and was escorted by Reporter Mark West in the Spring Festival.

LAST TOUCHES — Christi Jones puts the final touches on the decorative V·T week posters adorning the French Club's hall.



FRENCH CLUB — Front row: President Emmett Bane, Vice President Kelli Walker, Secretary Pam Weaver, Treasurer Christi Jones. Second row: Vanessa Hagy, Angie Owens, Laura Widener, Krista Combs, Monica Smith, Dawn Younce, Jeanie Walden, Amy Cheng. Third row: Mitch Widener, Eric Quillen, Bill Hartley, Carl Hayter, Amy Rainero, Stefanie Leonard, Beth Lohman, Angela Courtney, Wade Hamilton. Fourth row: Michelle Humbert, Sonya Barnett, Meg Fleenor, Toby Fortner, Melissa Hutton, Kellie Burchette, Tonnie Tabor, Beth Loudy, Lisa Carrier. Fifth row: Charlie Dye, Robin Herron, Michelle Bussey, Shannon Scyphers, Lisa Chiang, Jill Crutchfield, Susan Willis, Rebecca Moore. Sixth row: Tracy Stevens, Mandi Steele, Jay Detrick, Mark Kegley, Sherrie Foust, Tonya Williams, Cindy Whaley, Debbie Johnson, Amy Leonard. Seventh row: John Cheng, Greg Mason, Jennifer Taylor, Seletia Combs, Jennifer Wright, Duffy Jones, Debbie Whited, Bonnie Allison, Tammy Fry, Back row: Mrs. Eileen Garner, Gary Mason, Chris Kinkead, Jonathan Ball, Chris Oliver, Todd Crusenberry, Patrick Svensson.



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### Reaching out to the community

Reaching out, for both members and sponsors, was the key phrase for those involved in FBLA (Future Business Leaders of America), for by reaching out to the community they were able to help themselves and

Members took several fieldtrips to area businesses such as United Telephone's Data Center, Bristol Steel and the Bristol Newspaper Office to increase their knowledge of the workings of small and large businesses alike.

Like other vocation-related clubs, FBLA also participated in competitions, garnering a first place award in Business Computer Concepts and second place in

Accounting II, both on the regional level.

The sponsor's activities were not confined to the classroom, either. Mrs. Jean Lewis and Mrs. Brenda Abernathy planned to take a word processing class in Abingdon, Va. and all the sponsors were planning to attend the Vocational Summer Conference during the summer.

### Creative culture

For a fundraiser with cultural flair, the French Club took on a unique money-raising project — selling French perfume. So, one of France's most lucrative industries became a source of income for the club, whose members spent several weeks sharing sweet-smelling samples with prospective buyers.

The French Club's Christmas party was not your basic, traditional cookies-andpunch affair, either. The club members treated themselves to homemade French delicacies such as eclairs, crepes and a "Bouche de

Noel", or "Yule log" cake. A JOB WELL DONE - FBLA members and Sponsor Mrs. Brenda Abernathy gather to view the numerous awards club members





FBLA — Front row: Brenda Abernathy, Melba Hayter, Brenda Carroll, Ray Hooper, Jean Lewis. Second row: Poll. A — Front row's Genda Accentanty, mela nayte, plential Carroli, Nay Hospet, Jean Lewis. Second Your Patty Necessary, Tami Chapman, Melissa Leonard, Joy Phillips, Treasurer Sharon Smith, President Karen Yates, Vice President Michelle Dishner, Vice President Tina Edwards, Tina Carrol, Amy Hill. Third row: Jennie Perry, Melissa Vaughn, Lisa Feathers, Carol Shaffer, Erin O'Brien, Emma Williams, Dene McCormick, Amy Mull, Tracie Hennes, Lori Robbins. Fourth row: Mike Wilson, Chris Wright, Gary Bowers, Susan Dixon, Hope Mull, Tracie Hennes, Lori Robbins, Pourtin row: Mike Wilson, Chris Wright, Larly Jowess, Josan Bount, Toper Thomas, Jennifer Mech, Amy Geiger, Norma Anderson, Dianne Bryant, Seletia Combs. Flith row:April Newton, Kristine Joslyn, Johnna Meadows, Sandy Sharrett, Kathy Thomas, Alisha uillan, Cindy Wright, Tracie Woodmore, Melissa Humbert, Becky S. Barker, Sixth row: Libby Dollar, Debbie Cunningham, Sharon Dixon, Cindy Horton, Teresa Abelseth, Tracy Lewis, Michelle Stout, Tracy Davis, Missy Owens. Seventh row: Donald Hill, Fred Shazor, Brian Fouch, Brian Lewis, L.R. Pierce, John Rowe, Sammy Murray, Jeff Stork, Ricky



Stevens. Eighth row: Julia Fleenor, Karri Bishop, Kim Vanover, Julia Mullins, Charla Vance, Michelle Wampler, Pam Faust, Vicki Whittaker, Thomas Leonard. Back row: Lori Slagle, Kim Hartsock, Jenny Mink, Castella Charles, Stephanie Johnson, Jody Jessee, Betina Ly, Michelle Bennett, Tina Turner, Kathy Mays.

PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB - Front Row: Sponsor Mrs. E. Glover, President Cindy Wright, Secretary Jeanie Walden, Vice-President Amy Cheng, Reporter Mark West. Back row: Philip Eades, Marjut Nuoriho, Christine Burle, Brad Helton.

### Art club members stand out

For the most part, the projects of the Art Club were closely "correlated with classwork," as Sponsor Mrs. Mildred Copenhaver put it. Some of these projects were very obvious — like the hand painted paper momentos that the club sold for 50¢ each during V-T week. Other projects were not so well known.



The club members actively participated in various art and poster contests, and the club could usually boast that at least a few of the top winners were in its ranks. In the Regional Scholastic Art Contest, Hope Thomas was selected as a Gold Kev Finalist and as a National Hallmark Honor Award Nominee. Kevin Adams was also a Gold Key Finalist. Jean Boggs took "Best in Show" while Pete Green and Al Dillard received first place in a contest sponsored by the Bristol Junior League. In the "Keep Virginia Green" state poster contest, both Tish Harrison and Donnie Quales

came away with honorable mention while in the local Alcohol Awareness poster contest Darryl Milligan won first place and honorable mention for the grand prize, Pete Green second place and Kim Pierce third place. The P.T.A. Cultural Arts Contest awarded honors to many Art Club members, as well, including two state level winners: Jean Boggs, who received third place, and Kevin Adams, who received honorable mention.

As a final project, the Art Club put together its annual show which opened on the night of the P.T.A. Departmental Awards Ceremony.

"AIN'T MISBEHAVIN" — As a diversion from practicing for the spring concert "Broadway", choir

members Matt Shy and Donald Hill take time to crack a joke or two.



ART CLUB — Front row: Class Representative Kathy Spence, President Pam Weaver, Vice President Ann Craighead Back row: Sponsor Mrs. Mildred Copenhaver, Treasurer Missy Owens, Secretary Kim Pierce, Parliamentarian Hope Thomas.



CONCERT CHOIR — Front row: Carolyn Waldo, Patricia Turner, Tammie Chapman, Debbie Robinson, Angie Statzer, Lisa McCroskey, Robin Alvis, Melissa Leonard, Christi Jones, Cheryl Murphy, Angie Icenhour, Lori Slagle, Dori Collins, Polly Sutherland, Prue Smith, Second row: Melanie McBroom, Angie Rutledge, Susan Dixon, Pam Faust, Tammie Vaughn, Beth Loudy, Tish Harrison, Noel Dillow, Kim Crowe, Regina Palmer, Jennifer Siegfried, Carol Shaffer, Liz McCain, Tausha Clark, Angie Dunn. Third row: Mike Wilson, Brian Hileman, Steve Wright, James Hall, Mike Meade, Chris Oliver, Al Dillard, David Counts, Gary Bowers, Chris Shearin, Cody Miller. Back row: Dave Roberts, Jimmy Nave, Trini Charlton, Tom Hyatt, Kevin Farmer, Matt Shy, Scott Frazier, Teddy Hilbbs, Todd Hare, Mark Daniels.

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blood drive proved to be a great success. This success was attributed to the cooperation of the students and teachers, who were motivated by the chance to win a door prize consisting of fifty dollars. Although each person involved received some type of reward for this generosity, Huge Boren was the lucky winner of the money.

Another important activity of the HOSA club involved community service. Money was donated to a needy family at Thanksgiving, and a Santa Pal family was sponsored at Christmas.

GETTING IT TOGETHER — Newspaper staff members Pat Widener, Matt Thiel, Lori Robbins and Lle Riviello use the "assembly line" approach to get the newspaper ready for sale the next morning.



NEWSPAPER STAFF — Front row: Editor Lle Riviello, Associate Editor Amy Hill, Business Manager Jennifer Kinkead, Advertising Manager Resa Blackburn, Feature Page Editors Lori Robbins and Cindy Campbell, News Editor Angle Eades, Sports Editors Sharon Smith and Pat Widener. Second row: Linda Goodwin, Shannon Marshall, Jill Honaker, Bart Hill, Lisa Bellamy, Susan Sikora, Philip Chorosevic, Adviser Mrs. Betty Morton. Third row: Cindy Wright, Amy Cheng, Lisa Chiang, Shellie Davidson, Brad Bullock, Gordon Blevens, Amy Rose, Mona Sledge, Alian Royston. Back row: Photographer Richard Cook, Eric Sikorski, Matt Thiel, Tracy Stevens, Patrik Svenson, Alvin Winters.



YEARBOOK STAFF — Front row: Business Manager Jennifer Siegfried, Editor-in-Chief Tammy Bowers, Associate Editor Amy Geiger, Advertising Managers Tonnie Moretz and Toni Shockley, Index Editor Daina Odum. Second row: Heather Gaskill, Dene'McCormick, Kim Pierce, Missy Robinette, Becky Barker, Kamini Desal, Index Editor Jennifer Mech. Third row: April Newton, Sandy Johsnon, Suzanne Corley, Photographer Marcus Fleenor, Todd Jackson, Adviser Mrs. Betty Morton. Back row: Photographers Richard Cook and Brian Lindsay, Joy Philips, Becky Jackson, Melissa James, Penny Collins, Tricia McClure, Margaret Helms.

### DECA members garner state awards

Though the DECA (Distributive Education Clubs of America) members only met once a month, their activities ranged from designing posters to District and State level competition.

DECA's achievements were not always well known, but they were extensive. The student body saw a limited view of their activities — usually just Homecoming Queen and Spring Festival candidates, posters and the like. However, the majority of their achievements transpired in numerous competitions, unbeknown to those not directly involved.



In District competition, twelve DECA members distinguished themselves, two on the employee level and ten on the supervisory level. Supervisory awards were as follows: Food Marketina: Supervision - Jackie Hendrick (third); Restaurant Marketing: Test-Mike Bridgeman (third), Promotion -Mark Daniels (third), Overall - Mark Daniels (third); Apparel and Accessories: Test - Patty Necessary (second), Buying and Pricing — Daina Odum (first), Overall - Daina Odum (first); General Merchandise: Test -Resa Blackburn (second) and Lisa Sykes (first), Basic and Social Skills — Lisa Sykes (third), Overall - Lisa Sykes (third); Auto Petroleum: Basic and Social Skills - Billy Crawford (third); Fundamentals of Marketina: Selling — David McCracken (first), Sales Demonstration

LOOK HERE! A group of DECA marketing students display their wares at Randolph Field.

— Tammy Stroup (first); Student of the Year: Daina Odum (first), Lisa Sykes (third). Employee awards were as follows: Restaurant Marketing: Test, Selling, Basic and Social Skills, and Overall — Susan Ames (first); General Merchandise: Test — Amy Mull (second).

Five club members, Daina Odum, Lisa Sykes, Tammy Stroup, David McCracken and Susan Ames, also went on to compete at the state level. Among these, Daina Odum was awarded third place on the test and overall in the area of Apparel and Accessories while Susan Ames took third place on the Restaurant Marketing test

Aside from competitions, DECA members also attended the Fall Rally and the Em-

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WHAT A PLACE! Exploring the countryside of Spain via Sponsor Mrs. Carolyn Williams' bulletin board display are Spanish Club members Candy Pippin and Kevin Adams.





CIVITANS — Front row: Vice President Robbie Vincill, Jonathan Ball, Chaplain David Crockett, Wally Steele. Back row: Mike Locke, Wade Hamilton, President Chris Oliver, Treasurer Mike Musick.



DECA — Front row: Sponsor Mrs. C. Allen, Second Vice President Robby Branson, Reporter Lisa Bellamy, Secretary Norma Anderson, Third Vice President Daina Odum, President Lisa Sykes, Treasurer Mike Bridgman, First Vice President Connie Brown, Meacha Booher, Sponsor Mrs. Carol Colobro. Second row: Amy Perry, David McCracken, Kim Wester, Carleta Ayala, Al Dillard, Denise Stinette, Marjut Nuoriho, Michelle Bennet, Tricia Turner. Third row: Linda Goodwin, Scotty Frazier, Renee Sansing, Katie Fleu, Janet Anders, Amy Rose, Patty Necessary, Jackie Hedrick, Ben Buchanan, Hope Thomas. Fourth row: Angie Spangler, Tammy Vaughn, Dene Widner, Jennifer Mech, Michelle Stout, Susan Ames, Pam Blevins, Michelle Bobbitt, Amy Mull. Firth row: Jimmy Sales, Steve Wright, Billy Crawford, Mark Daniels, Randy Campbell, Brant Garittson, Jackie Sturgill, Mike Stout, Jacque Adams, Dawn Carroll, Resa Blackburn, Cindy Ashley, Valerie Crusenberry, Teddy Hibbs, Chip Helton, Mike Meade, Darryl Milligan, Rickie Stevens. Back row: Tammy Stroup, Candy Price.

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ployee-Employer Banquet held on April 26, as well as promoting awareness of National Vocational Week by designing and hanging posters for the event.

DECA members came from a variety of vocational classes ranging from marketing to fashion merchandising. "I now have a better insight on how a retail business or corporation is operated," commented DECA Vice President Connie Brown on her experiences with the organization. "It will definitely help in my future plans for operating a business of my own. This has been an excellent opportunity for me to get a head start on entrepreneurship."

### Interest!

Interest! This factor was the key to a club's success.

Spanish offered more opportunities than classroom work to many students. The

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SPANISH CLUB — Front row: President Jim Horton, Vice-President Chandra Ables, Secretary Natasha Deaton, Treasurer Cody Miller, Sponsor Mrs. Carolyn Williams. Second row: Kelli O'Brien, Alicia Stevens, Sherry Mullins, Kim Blevins, Lori Dutton, Becky Lewis, Tara Fuller, Don Sanderson, Third row: Danni Stapleton, Sherry Ausmus, Missy Wilson, Tammy Sprouse, Pam VanRyn, Debbie Robinson, Beau Stanley, Jerry Jackson, Lancer Cuddy, Fourth row: Amy Morrell, Julie Rosenbalm, L.D. Ashley, Jimmy Donahue, Lisa McCroskey, Mike Musick, Tommy Hyatt, Chris Crockett. Back row: Drew Shy, Valerie Ashley, Becky Flannery, Regina Palmer, Tina Buchanan, Rhorida Handy, Susan Ames, Shawn Swavely, Tonia Carty.



BAND OFFICERS — Front row: Secretary Robin Alvis, Vice President Cathy Lawson, President Steve Smith, Drum Major Kim Ramey, Treasurer Bekki Webb. Back row: Uniform Chairman Melissa Francis, Richard Cook, Uniform Chairman Missy Robinette, Librarians April Newton and Becky L. Barker, Chaplain Wade Hamilton.

### Interest plus action

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Spanish Club was a very active club, and it participated in school activities such as V-T week and the P.T.A. beautification project. Being involved in V-T week meant decorating a hall, and the P.T.A. beautification project entailed the donation of a tree to plant on the school grounds.

Fund-raising was another important facet of the Spanish Club's activities. Members sold lollipops, two-year engagement calendars and cookies. Money earned from these endeavours helped in service projects, as well as

providing entertainment for the club members themselves. Amusement included a Christmas party and a banquet in the spring with dancing afterwards at King College with the international students.

Several Spanish club members also attended the Foreign Language Festival Arts Contest at East Tennessee State University. A number of Spanish Club members entered the contest; Jerry Jackson won second place and Kevin Adams won honorable mention for their efforts.





VICA (MORNING) — Front row: Treasurer Doug Widener, President Ed Leonard, Chaplain Charissa Shutters, Vice President Michelle Thompson, Secretary Jill Baker, Reporter Jena Grayson, Parliamentarian Brad Duckett, Jeff Jones, Scott Carrier. Second row: Ricky Hensley, Neil Ashley, Shane Flick, Kevin Fleenor, Marcus Fleenor, Thor Coulthard, Perry Hicks, Neil Cunningham, Kevin Harless, Lee Freeman, Randy Mikeals. Third row: Kevin Nichols, Thorn Lovins, Michell Mills, Christine White, Lisa Roberts, Kay Sullins, Sandy Shaw, Patty Collins, Jeff Leonard, Dee Lawson, Greg Meade, Bobby Price. Fourth row: Chris Lambert, Richard Campbell, Vincent Jackson, Greg Vanover, Larry Moore, Lonnie Trivett, Gary Boyd, Johnny Collins, Toni Shockley, Don Sanderson, Fred Smith. Fifth row: Shane Sullivan, Bobby Tipton, Trevor Mathes, Walter Dannhardt, Jeanette Shelton, Bea Mitchell, Wendy Walden, Stephanie. Wagoner, Timmy Dutton, Brian Jones. Seventh row: Tracy Mathes, Lisa Sharrett, Chris Kinkead, Jamie Massey, Travis O'Dell, Wally Steele, Jeff Sharrett, Aaron Thomas, Shannon Yates. Back row: Brad Bullock, David Counts, Bee Castle, Jamie Boardwine, Mike Meade, John Loudy.

#### Tradition and more

Tradition was continued as the Civitan Club carried through with its annual sale of corsages for the V-T game. These beautiful flowers added a touch of class to the football game and, in some instances, began new romances.

Members of the Civitan Club also took a historical trip to Cumberland Gap, Kentucky in order to bring certain aspects of history to life by seeing the sites that provided a backdrop for the events.

### Competitive edge

Competition provided the basis for the activities of this chapter of the Vocational Clubs of America.

Two of these activities were District Eight VICA skills competition and the Smyth County vocational school local competition in VICA skill olympics.

With different contests came rewards. In District Eight, Valerie Crusenberry earned the honor of girl student of the year. In printing Ronnie Spangler won first place, and Randy Carrier also won first place in building trades.

BEHIND THE SCENES — Drama club member Don Sanderson prepares to paint one of the sets used for the annual Spring Festival. Club members were beneficial

working behind the scenes building sets and taking charge of lights, spots and microphones in the control booth during the actual performances.



VICA (AFTERNOON) — Front row: Sponsor Mr. Lynn Taylor, Chuck Browning, Kena Fricker, Philip Roe, Valerie Crusenberry, Cindy Sanders, Cindy Ashley, Jarvis Offield, Sponsor Mr. Ray Tillery, Sponsor Mr. Ton Nelson. Second row: Sponsor Mr. Eugene Williams, James Dunn, Charlee Rouse, Scott Johnson, Danny Stout, Eric Combs, George Hushour, Gene McCoy, Eric White, Jeff Woods; Third row: Sponsor Mr. James Jones, Steve Rooney, Mike Thompson, Doug Martin, Greg Fouch, Sterling Taylor, Hugh Boren, Tony Sturgill, Billy Perry, Ricky Quales. Fourth row: Brad Roark, Mark Worley, Marshall Austin, Annette Daugherty, Jacque Adams, Danny Tabor, Lee Scardo, Wayne Hess, Billy Lester. Fifth row: Ronnie Spangler, Jeff Hall, Dwayne Goff, Kevin Nichols, Stan Harrleson, Brian Goodman, Thorn Lovins, Melody Knupp, Carl Hayter. Sixth row: Frankle McEiyea, Wade Latham, John Dixon, Philip Roe, Eric Adams, Walter Dannhardt, Daniel Salyers. Sixth row: Jeff Stowers, Scott White, Alan Harlow, James Clark, Steve Leonard, David Tabor, Greg Coleman, Rufus Carter, Rufus Carter. Seventh row: Ken Bryant, Tammy Williams, Randy Russel, Butch Allen, Mark Faust, Curtis Freeman, Kevin Poore. Back row: Sponsor Mr. John Melvin, Jonathan Edwards, David Carty, John Chapman, Danny Gilliam, Missy Hayden, Derrick Arnold, Billy Crawford, Billy Bridgeman, Ricky Boonjaris, Ricky Cruey, Kevin Wright.



WAITING FOR THE RIGHT SONG — Jonathon Ball, Robin Detrick and Benji Mumpower take a break from dancing. Although the music was nonstop, couples often had to rest their feet.





A NEW STEP — Lisa Bellamy dances creatively with her date. The dance floor was full from the minute the music started.



### Anticipating prom night is half the fun

preary rain beat upon the cool ground throughout the city in the late afternoon on Friday, May 17, but inside lights and excitement defied the weather's somberness.

Prom night had finally arrived, and it was greeted with a playful rustle of dresses, the sweet aroma of flowers and young faces glowing with nervous expectation.

First in the order of events for the evening was usually a session of picture-taking that each couple patiently endured in order to humor their parents. This was followed by dinner, and a few popular restaurants were Prime Time, PJ Brown's and the Hardware Company. Later, the real fun began when the music started and the dance floor filled up with energy.

The location of the prom changed from the Country Club of Bristol to the Martha Washington Inn in Abingdon. Mixed feelings accompanied this move; some students, such as Jeff Shelton, "liked the Country Club better because there was more room there." Steve Smith commented that he "was not entirely satisfied with the new location, but he admitted that "it would have been much better if the renovation of the building had been completed." Beth Lohman, on the other hand, claimed that

she "liked the atmosphere of the Martha Washington Inn."

Seniors chose red and white as their colors and a red rose as their class flower. The junior class officers worked with these elements to decorate the ballroom and create a background for the traditional prom pictures. Photographs were taken on the staircase which was ornamented with a huge bouquet of red roses and baby's breath. Many people, such as senior Lisa Tilley, felt that "the setting for the pictures was fantastic." The food tables in the ballroom were adorned with white carnations and the dance floor itself was bordered by

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 $YOUNG\ LOVE$  — Marc Dutton and Melissa Hutton steal a kiss between dances. The special atmosphere of prom night often led to romance.

THIRST QUENCHER — Jeff Wise samples the punch and other items on the food table. Refreshments were prepared by the staff of the Martha Washington Inn.

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TOGETHERNESS — Cindy Ashley and Tom Smith take advantage of their time alone. Although the dance floor was crowded, a few secluded spots on the porch could be found.



TIME OUT — Miss Eloise Hite and Mrs. Larry Lusk spend a few moments away from their duties. Chaperones contributed to the success of the evening.

WAITING — Lori Robbins and Lance Bailey stand in line to have their pictures made. Portraits provided couples with a lasting reminder of the occasion.

greenery and balloon trees.

Music was provided by Mobile Dance, a professional portable entertainment service from Newport, Tennessee. Their show included nonstop music and a light show. The senior class song was "You're the Inspiration" by Chicago from their Album *Chicago 17*. Other songs played were mainly top-forty tunes and a few older dance songs.

After reflecting on the evening, most students claimed that they had a great time at the prom.

Asked about their favorite part of the evening, Robin Sprouse and Wade Hamilton said that dancing was the best. Cindy Smith and Jill Honaker, on the other hand, confessed that they had the most fun eating.

Whether it was the food, the music or the legendary goodnight kiss on the doorstep, nearly everyone involved with the prom captured a portion of the magic and romance that inevitably accompanies the festivities of the evening.







THE SOCIAL LIFE — Students socialize while taking a break from dancing. The excitement of the occasion led to a great deal of topics for conversation.

PARTNER MIX-UP — Jeff Stork and John Vanover decide to be different and dance with each other while Chip Harkrader and others look on.

### Achievers are focus of PTA Awards Ceremony

andshakes, flashing lights and clapping hands of proud parents all took place May 14, at the PTA Departmental Awards Program.

The program began with the call to order by PTA President Jim Geiger. The invocation was led by Tammy Bowers. After the installation of PTA officers, Miss Annette Acuff, chairman of the awards committee, introduced guests and department chairmen. Award winners, chosen for their academic achievements

LOOK AT THIS - Science teacher Mrs. Edith Glover admires paintings done by students. Mrs. Cheryl Wilhoit's and Mrs. Mildred Copenhaver's students provided the artwork which was on display in the main concourse.

ACCEPTING THE AWARD - Miss Irene Brown, chairman of the Social Studies department, accepts an award from Mr. Bob Guffey representing Woodmen of the World for Matt Theil, who was on a schoolrelated activitiy. Business leaders joined with instructors to honor academic achievements

and performances in the classroom, included:

ART — Alicia Stevens, Melissa Owens, Pete Green, Darryl Milligan, Hope Thomas, Kevin Adams, Jean Boggs, Al Dillard, Tish Harrison, Donnie Quales, Cam Azbill, Cindy Wright, Phillip Eades, Amy Cheng

AUTO MECHANICS — Charissa Shutters, Eric White. BUILDING TRADES - Randy Carrier. BUSI-NESS EDUCATION - Amy Geiger, Brian Booher, Susan Dixon, Julia Mullins, Lisa Chiang, Rebecca S. Barker, Robin Sprouse, Matt Thiel, Tina Edwards, Vicki Whitaker.

COSMETOLOGY - Christine White, Cynthia Sanders, DISTRIBU-TIVE EDUCATION — Daina Odum, Mike Bridgeman, Connie Brown, Tammi Vaughn, Lisa Bellamy. DRAFTING — Carl Hayter, Jon Vanover, Jonathan Edwards, Walter Dannhardt, ELECTRICITY

Eddie Leonard, Lee Scardo.

ENGLISH — Jerry Jackson, John Cheng, Angie Icenhour, Michelle Barron, Rebecca S. Barker, Lle Riviello, Charlie Dye, Stephen Smith. DRAMA AND SPEECH — Lisa Tilley, Mona Sledge, Sandy Sharrett, Sherri Ferguson, John Cheng, Andy Wittington, Richard Cook, L R Pierce, PUBLICATIONS — LIE Riviello, Amy Hill, Jennifer Kinkead, Tammy Bowers, Amy Geiger, Jennifer Siegfred.

FOREIGN LANGUAGE - John Cheng, Amy Cheng, Steve Smith, Suzanne Corley, Tammy Bowers, Mona Sledge, April Dillow, Jeff Shelton, Lisa Tilley, Bobby Tipton, Chandra Ables, Cathy Lawson, Natasha Deaton.

HEALTH ASSISTANTS - Paula Holmes. HOME ECONOMICS -Sara Bishop, INDUSTRIAL ARTS -David Collins, Jeff Powers, Mark

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THANKS - Mr. Joe Lilly gives Eddie Leonard an award in Industrial Cooperative Training. Students received awards in all academic and vocational classes.







ALL SMILES — Miss Annette Acuff has a friendly chat with Christine White and her parents. Parents were in attendance as instructors and civic leaders recognized students with trophies, medals and certificates.

INSTALLATION — Retiring president Jim Geiger prepares to install the new officers at the PTA-sponsored Departmental Awards. Geiger was PTA president for the past two terms.

WELCOME - Guidance Counselor Dr. Bob Burchette greets the parents of Amy and John Cheng during awards night. Parents were invited to attend the reception and art exhibit after the awards.

FINAL TRIBUTE — Robin Alvis sings the Alma Mater at the conclusion of the presentations. One hundred thirty-seven awards were claimed by academic achievers.





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Booher, Greg Meade. WECEP (Work Experience Cooperative Èducational Program) — Eddie Leanard, Sam Campbell, George **Fields** 

MATHEMATICS - Michelle Duty, Stacy Wampler, Jeff Powers, Missy Holman, Penny Limburg, Lori Garrett, Melody Smith, John Cheng, Angie Icenhour, Matt Thiel, Steve Smith. PRINTING -

Phillip Roe, Ronnie Spangler. SCI-ENCE - Kathy Shaver, Jackie Dastick, John Cheng, Angie Icenhour, Steve Smith, Lisa Tilley, Lle Riviello

SOCIAL STUDIES - Tracy Stevens, Cindy Horton, Patrick Svensson. WORLD HISTORY — Michelle Barron, U.S. GOVERNMENT — Julia Mullins. AP U.S. GOVERNMENT -Steve Smith.

AWARD PRESENTERS - Mrs. Helen Coleman, right, chats with Director of Instruction Mrs. Norma Lester after the awards ceremony. Having announced her retirement shortly before, this occasion marked the last time that Mrs. Coleman would present the Home Economics award.











CONGRATULATIONS — PTA President Jim Geiger recognizes Lle Rivello as a winner in the PTA Cultural Arts Contest. Riviello won first place locally and second place in the state for his entry in the literature division, which was a project in his journalism class.

 $\it REFRESHING --$  Mrs. Bill Lewis serves guests as they come through the line. Refreshments were provided by the PTA after the Departmental Awards.

Green upon receiving an award. Green won first place in water color in the Bristol Junior League junior art contest.





GOOD ADVICE — Challenging the Class of 1985, Dr. DeWitt Moore, Jr., president of Virginia Highlands Community College, delivers the commencement address. The ceremonies June 7 in the school gymnasium recognized the 187 graduating seniors.

A HANDFUL — Senior Patrick Svensson had his hands full with two cameras and a couple of talkative friends. Svensson was one of two Swedish exchange students to graduate with the Class of '85.





### Graduates show their colors

The time was 9am. Thursday, June 6, the day before graduation. The seniors (not all of them, of course) trickled into the excessively air-conditioned gym complex . . . some taking off from jobs, some after having enjoyed six days of freedom and some just finishing their final exams.

After lining up in the auditorium with instructions from Principal A.T. Outlaw and helpful teachers, they filed into the new gym, just as they would the next evening at 8 p.m. Then, the shorts, T-shirts and jeans would be replaced by caps and gowns — an impressive procession of blue and white . . . no, black and white!

For the first time the young men wore black robes instead of blue,

a switch that members of the Student-Faculty Steering Committee had been suggesting for two years.

"I don't think there was really much opposition to the switch," offered senior Tammy Bowers as a reason for the delay, "it just seemed to always get stuck on the back burner." Much of the opposition to the blue robes came from the fact that Abingdon High School's colors are blue and white, and many students felt that black and white robes would be more in tune with Bearcat orange and black.

The graduation ceremony was highlighted by two choir numbers, Let There Be Peace on Earth and My Wish for You, a few words of wisdom from Virginia Highlands Community College's president Dr. DeWitt Moore, Jr., and, of course, the awarding of the diplomas. Class president Patty Necessary gave the welcome and Rev. Leroy R. Blair pro-

HERE SHE IS — Seletia Combs responds to her name being called in the procession across the platform to receive her diploma. Graduation was filled with mixed emotions, as some seniors were sad to leave, others looked forward to future endeavors.



ONE DOWN, ONE TO GO! Seniors express their joy as History teacher Irene Brown helps them line up before the Baccalaureate service. For many, Baccalaureate signified one more step closer to their diploma.



CHOICE TURNOUT — Seniors prepare for the recessional following Baccalaureate services as proud parents and friends watch. The ceremony, held in the Hamp "Pappy" Richardson Memorial Auditorium, was not mandatory for the graduates. CLASS LEADERS — Valedictorian Steve Smith and Salutatorian Tammy Bowers stand ready to lead their classmates in the graduation processional as usherette Suzanne Corley directs them. These honor students, were among the top ten students ranked academically who were recognized at graduation.

WHAT ARE FRIENDS FOR? Senior Michelle Harden gets a helping hand with her collar from a friend. Getting mortarboards secured and collars pinned was, at times, a challenge.







READY TO GO — Tammie Chapman and Angel Collins exhibit the excitement of graduation as they prepare to march in for the final ceremonies. This night climaxed the long road from being freshmen to becoming a senior which began in the fall of 1982.



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STANDING PROUD — The Class of 1985 is recognized at the final commencement exercises. Diplomas were awarded to the 187 graduating seniors June 7.

nounced the invocation and benediction.

The Big Orange Band was also there, faithfully playing Pomp and Circumstance over and over and over again as the 187 graduates marched in. The choir also performed at the Baccalaureate service, held the Sunday before graduation, singing Canon of Praise and Ode to Joy. The sermon was given by Rev. Lester Mackinnon of Fellowship Chapel.

Also recognized at graduation were the top ten students and their academic ranking. These

students were Valedictorian Steve Smith, Salutatorian Tammy Bowers, Jeff Shelton, Bobby Tipton, Cathy Lawson, Cindy Smith, Charlie Dye, Amy Geiger, Andy Kilinski and Julia Mullins.

As June 7 came and went, feelings were mixed. When asked "Is this the happiest day of your life? The saddest? The most relieved? The most unbelievable?" the answer was ... yes! Yes to at least one if not all of these sentiments. Yet, one feeling was true for all — a sense of accomplishment.

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S weat gushed from their bodies in wet streams that drenched each forlorn thread of clothing. Practice was almost over, and the coach was urging team members to travel that extra mile which might eventually lead them to victory.

This scene proved typical of most sport situations throughout the year. Players in every aspect of the athletic program were urged to strive for perfection. This goal was achieved through a great deal of self-discipline because devotion to a sport meant endless hours of practice.

Students participated in athletics for various reasons. Some joined teams out of love for the sport while others simply enjoyed the competition. Jill Honaker, on the other hand, claimed "sports are constructive, and I feel like I'm accomplishing something when I'm playing volley-ball or running."

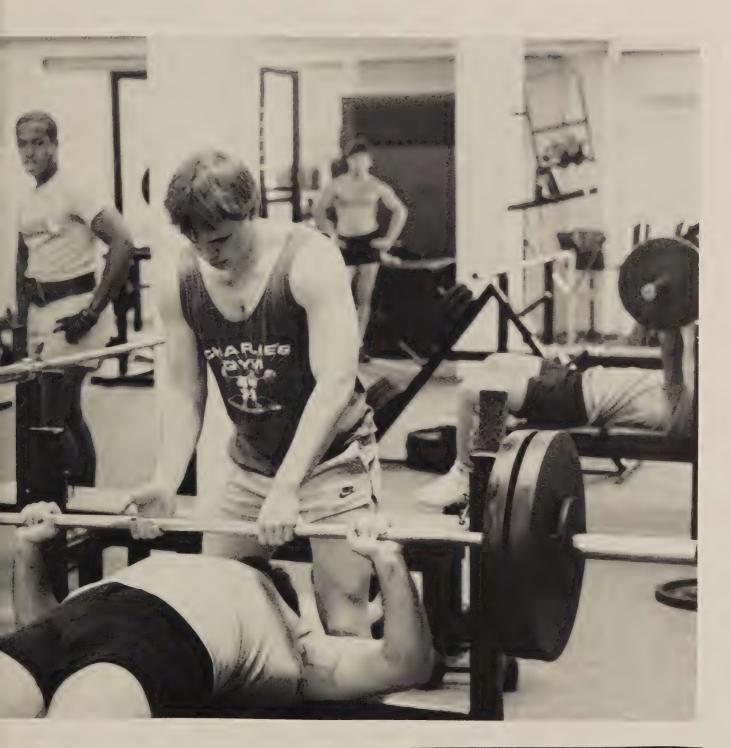
Despite the different motives for becoming involved in athletics, there was always a common goal, a collective effort to demonstrate vital signs—signs of strength in both victory and defeat.



SIDELINE SUPPORT — Team members add morale to their fellow players during a football game. The sideline position often saw as much action as the ones on the playing field.

HELP — Mark Bentley lends a helping hand to coach Paul Wheeler as he demonstrates techniques of the bench press The weight room was constantly filled with devoted athletes from a wide variety of sports.





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#### Lacking in size, the Cats missed an even season by only

### WHISKER

nder the guidance of first year mentor Paul Wheeler, the gridiron 'Cats completed a lackluster 4-6 ledger. With few experienced upperclassmen, the Bearcats struggled for continuity and leadership all season. However, the use of the pass brought the 'Cats some success as well as excitement

Using junior quarterback Jimmy Nave's arm and the fleet receiving corps of Derrick Arnold, Paul Carter, and Mike Locke, the team was surprisingly effective at times, but lack of size and poor execution plagued the

In a review of the team's ten game campaign, the 'Cats started off with a bana displaying their fresh, wide-open offensive attack, a stingy defense, and sharp, bright new uniforms in two home wins against Southwest District foes Marion, and Patrick Henry. Following these victories the 'Cats traveled up Interstate 81 to face rival Abingdon.

The Bearcats' nemesis, their inexperience, cost them the win even though the defense played tough and determined. Several miscues allowed the eventual district champs to prevail 15-0. The footballers then returned to Gene Malcolm Stadium where they upped their record to 3-1 with a tight victory over

John Battle in a defensive contest. The only points of the contest came from the foot of Mark Worley, as the cool senior booted a 26 yard field goal to provide the winning margin, just as he has done to edge Patrick Henry.

Following this win, the season slid "away" from the Bearcats as they dropped three roadtrips to Graham. Gate City and Tazewell. The 'Cats were overpowered by the bigger and stronger G-Men and Blue Devils but against the Bulldoas the 'Cats stormed back from a 7-0 halftime deficit to lead 12-7 behind the precision passing of Nave who hit Arnold and Carter with touchdown strikes.

Unfortunately, Tazewell mounted a drive of its own to regain a 14-12 lead only

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NEW KID ON THE BLOCK — First year Coach Paul Wheeler paces the sidelines during a hard fought contest. Coach Wheeler made great strides in his initial season with the











READY, AIM, FIRE! Avoiding an oncoming Abingdon rush, junior signal caller Jimmy Nave gets ready to release a downfield strike. The passing game was the Bearcats' strong point throughout the year.



DAYLIGHT — Fleet receiver Derrick Arnold looks upfield after hauling in the ball. Arnold's receiving ability helped him gain mention in several post season all-star teams.

CONCENTRATION — Junior wideout Paul Carter manages to hold on to the ball as he falls to the ground. Ability and finesse were a key in the team's success.



BUBBLE BATH - Running back Fred Shazor tests the water in the whirlpool before getting in. The giant tub allowed many nagging injuries to heal quickly

FIRST DOWN — Mark Daniels tries to elude a would-be tackler in the Bearcats 3-0 win over John Battle. Daniels moved to wingback after playing quarterback last year.





#### FOOTBALL 4-6

VHS OPPONENT 16

Marion Patrick Henry 23 22 0 15 Abingdon 3 0 John Battle 41 Graham Gate City 18 12 Tazewell

14 13 Lebanon 22 28 Grundy Tennessee High

FOOTBALL SQUAD - Front row; Jeff Robinette, Donnie Combs, Scotty Branson, John Pruner, Doug Dehart, Travis Clark, Tommy Parker, Travis Gobble, Dale Cross, Matt Chandler, John Rawn. Second row; Mike Locke, John Dixon, Corey Fraction, Mike Marshall, Deacon Matthews, Doug Lambert, Tim Fisher, Jody Davis, Jeff Cadle, Third row; Mark Bentley, Andy Murray, Gene Mc-Coy, John Icenhour, Joh Rowe, David Holloway, Paul Carter, Jimmy Nave, Jon Crutchfield, Matt Shy, Eric Hurt, Bubba Colvin, Randy Russell, Manager Wally Steele. Fourth row; Manager Lance Stewart, Fred Shazor, Sammy Murray, Keith Childress, Robbie Branson, Hugh Boren, Billy Perry, Donald Hill, Mark Daniels, Donnie Hoss, Mark Worley, Jeff Shelton, Derrick Aronld, Trainer Dave Roberts: Back row: Coaches Steve Wright, Carlos Lee, Jim Norton, Lester Byington. Tom Parker, Bill Hal-stead, Dave Davis, Head Coach Paul Wheeler, Mike Braswell.



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### WHISKER

to see the 'Cats courageously move the ball into fieldgoal range. With the absence of the consistent Worley, the drive was all for naught as the Bulldogs blocked the effort of Jeff Shelton.

As the season came to a close, the up and down 'Cats returned home to defeat Lebanon, lost to underdog Grundy away, and then finished the year on the Virginia side of town in a 30-3 loss to cross town rival Tennessee High as the powerhouse Vikings rolled behind their star running back Todd Daggs.

Overall, it was a season of trial and error with a new coach and a new system. Quarterback Nave com-

mented, "I felt good about our play under Coach Wheeler. Of course we expected to have a better record, but we did prepare well for next year." Junior Jon Crutchfield added, "This year was a building year for us due to inexperience and age. We all enjoyed playing for Coach Wheeler, and we are looking to the future." Seen as a stepping stone, the '84 season showed flashes of things to come.

Finally, the juniors 'Cats, made up of developing potential, struggled through a ruthless 0-7 season under Coach Mike Braswell, but the experience obtained is vital for future gridiron encounters.



GRACE UNDER PRESSURE — Tailback Donald Hill looks for defensive intruders as he gets ready to make his move. The crafty senior proved to be a straight-A stalwart in many running situations.

STAY STILL — Senior Derrick Arnold sits patiently as Coach Dave Davis wraps his ankle. This procedure along with many other training aids proved vital to the players performance and well-being.

THE CHASE IS ON — Michael Grigsby follows Jon Vanover to the finish in the Regional Four Championship. The team went on to finish in fourth place.

FINISHED - Michael Grigsby completes the three mile course in the Regional Championship. Grigsby made the All-Regional by placing







Cross Country — Front row: Jenny Perry, Michelle Thompson, Amy Perry, Lie Riviello Second row: Jeff Serratt, Kevin Greer, Jeff Stork, Mike Grigsby Back row: Chad Penley, Jon Vanover, Leroy Worley, Kevin Waldo. Not Pictured: Jill Honaker, Becky Jackson, Andre Ayala.

#### CROSS COUNTRY SCOREBOARD

Trojan Seven Mile Relay Optimist Championship in Kingsport VHS Invitational Marion Invitational U.Va. Invitational in Charlottesville Bix Six Championship Blue Ridge Invitational in Roanoke Southwest District Championship
AA Region IV Championship
AA Va. State Championship/ Charlottesville

1st 4th 8th

5th

5th

3rd

23rd 2nd

4th

68 Cross Country

The harriers ran through an exhausting season but still brought home the district crown with the straightness

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unners, there will be would be tabulated. two commands: mark started.

moments before each race, which seven runners ran one and, after that announcement, the runners began their trek on the grueling three mile course that cov- from Marion after a two ered hills and dales alike, year loss. The guys ad-Around sixteen minutes vanced to the Virginia State later, the exhausted harriers AA championship by placwould finish, and the scores

The tabulation on the seaand the guns. You all son were "not half bad," as know the course, so let's get junior member Kevin Waldo commented. The guys' This was a familiar sound team placed second in the to the cross country runners Trojan Seven Mile Relay, in mile each, second in the Big Six meet, and reclaimed the Southwest District Crown ing fourth in the Region IV,

while for the girls, Michelle Thompson qualified for the State Regional meet. Thompson placed 4th in the region and went on to place 56th in the state.

Individually, Jon Vanover led the team to the second place finish in the Seven Mile Relay by turning the mile in 4:43. In the three mile races, Mike Grigsby placed the team to a overall third place in the Big Six with the time of 16:05, while Lle Riviello led the Flying Cats to the Districts Championship with a second place time of 15:43. Riviello also placed second in the Optimist Championship, the Virginia High Invitational, and the Scarlet Hurricane Invitational.

Girls' team member, junior Jill Honaker, commented about the season that it was "rather disappointing. Not having a complete team because so few girls ran hurt our mental dedication. We hope to do much better next year, though."







ON THE RUN — LIe Rivello and Jon Vanover round the second curve during the Southwest District meet. The two harriers placed second and third and helped pace the men's team to win the District Championship.

ADVICE - Coach Kevin Sours reviews the District meet with the women's team. They placed fourth in the Southwest District Champion-

RELAX — Amy Perry tries to relax just after the start of the Southwest District race. Perry helped to complete the five member team that the girls needed to qualify for the regional meet

TRY AGAIN — Junior Todd Jackson shows his chipping skill as he attempts to put the ball on the green. Getting "up and down" was a major factor in shooting low.

FORE!!! — Sonny Cross follows through on his swing as his ball soars through the air. Cross was ranked number one on the team.



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334	228	East
334	357	Battle .
334	367	Abingdon
334	370	Central
170	156	Tennessee
171	187	Abingdon
336	342	East
336	375	Central
172	181	Battle
172	187	Abingdon
159	453	Richlands
159	165	Graham
167	161	East
167	169	Central
173	176	Richlands
173	183	Abingdon
173	154	Marion
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GOLF TEAM — James Kelley, Brent Harrison, Neil Morrison, Sonny Cross,

Eddie O'Dell, Todd Jackson and Randy Campbell.

The golfers swing into their season and stroke through the competition. They turned out to be one of the

## 66FORE 99-RUNNERS

" ore!" This was a word heard very often from the golf team members during their practices on the course of the Country Club of Bristol.

This course was the prac-

BREAKTIME!! Neil Morris, Todd Jackson, Eddie O'Dell and James Kelley take a break before they start practicing again. The team practiced every day at the Bristol Country Club.

tice site of the 'Cats as well as other area teams and recreational golfers.

Throughout the season, returning senior Sonny Cross proved to be the top player of the team. His team-low average of 83.3 strokes per 18 holes continually augmented the team's effort. Randy Campbell, the second of the two seniors, also ranked as one of the top players. His average of 86.2

was low enough to capture the third position on the team. Freshman Eddie O'Dell placed second with an 85.8.

Overall, the season "was not bad," as one team member remarked. The golfers managed to beat all district foes at least once.

In other matches, they also outstroked East High and Central High. Only one member of the team, O'Dell, qualified for the Regional Tournament. Coach Fred Fisher complimented O'Dell by saying that "Eddie is a good player and has much potential," but Fisher also added, "He will need a lot of practice." Commenting on the year as a whole, Fisher commented, "We had a good year, but we will have a better one next year."









CONCENTRATION — Randy Campbell concentrates on the swing of his opponent. Campbell was ranked third on the team.

THIS IS HOW — Coach Fred Fisher gives seniors Randy Campbell and Sonny Cross a few tips. Campbell and Cross were the only seniors on the team.

IN TROUBLE? Freshman Eddie O'Dell bites his tongue as he tries to remove the ball from a sand trap. O'Dell was the only member of the team to qualify for the Regional Tournament

Going from pool to court, rookie basketball coach proves to be

## AMPHIBIOUS

ut of the water onto the basketball court was the change Coach Terry Caldwell made when he took over the Lady Cats.

After being swim team coach for eight years, he took on this added responsibility. Caldwell explained, "I know my inexperience has led to defeat in some of the games, but through the help of boys' basketball coach Ballard Lee, Athletic Director Eddie Dutton and other coaches, I feel it was a great season."

Teresa Necessary, junior varsity leader, felt that 'Coach Caldwell did a good job with the team." When team member Hope

Thomas considered her feelings toward the new coach and his style of coaching, she said, "It was a learning experience for both the team and Coach Caldwell." Angie Rutledge pointed out, "I liked him and his style was definitely his own."

Sharon Dixon claimed the whole team was starting over in a "new beginning." Many team members felt that the game against John S. Battle High School was the high point of the season.

Sharon Smith, the only senior, explained, "The Battle game for the Lady Cats is like the Virginia-Tennessee football game. There has been a rivalry between the two teams for years. We

knew we had to beat them, and we did."

Coach Caldwell added, "The improved defense and added aggressiveness of the team seemed to surprise our opponents."

Junior Lori Robbins threatened LaVonda Wagner's record score of 34 points in a game with her score of 32 points in the game against the Saltville Shakers.

Jennifer Mech, a junior on the team, summed up the season with her observation that "a new coach, new ways and new experiences made for an interesting season though not a totally successful one."

At the SWD Tourney, Cats fell to Richlands 61-44.





VARSITY TEAM — Front row: Angie Rutledge, and Lori Robbins. Back row: Susan Dixon, Teresa Barton, Carlita Ayala, Jennifer Mech, Hope Thomas, Sharon Smith, Sharon Dixon — manager, and Coach Terry Caldwell



JUNIOR VARSITY TEAM — Front row: April Dillow, Melissa Smith, Tia Clark, Candy Price, Sandy Garrett and Velma Avery. Back row: Holly Buchanan, Sherry Settle, Patty Hall, Cherie Heath, Monica Smith and Stacy Johnson.

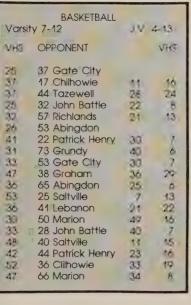


DOWN THE COURT — Junior Varsity player April Dillow dribbles past Battle's defense. "Dillow was considered a big asset to the team with her sportsmanship and leadership abilities," said team member Can-



JUMP TO THE SKY! Junior Jennifer Mech begins the Saltville game with a jump ball. Mech pointed out, "My six-foot height has given me a big advantage.

ON THE REBOUND — Struggling to capture John Battle's rebound are Kim Smith and Jennifer Mech. Team members felt that their second contest with arch rival John Batte High School was the highpoint of the season, especially since the 'Cats beat the Trojans 33-28.







CONGRATULATIONS — At the annual Virginia-Tennessee swim meet, the senior swimmers along with the coaches are honored. The rivalry between the two teams was competitive, but very friendly.



GIRLS' SWIM TEAM — Front row: Stefanie Leonard, Melissa James, Amy Geiger, Captain, Cheryl Murphy, Rhonda Mullins, Second row: Michelle Blankenbeckler, Dannielle Stapelton, Alicia Stevens, Jennifer Mech, Third row: Regina Palmer, Traci Haga, Lori Dutton, Kelly O'Brien, and Tracy Thomas. GIRLS' SWIMMING

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52	23	Sullivan South
90	81	Blacksburg
50	30	Elizabethton
15th	at Western	Kentucky
2nd	at Big 6	

A new diving board, a new banner and new faces made swim team's

ourty-four teenagers with wet hair, deep ridges around their eyes (from goggles), and walking very slowly from exhaustion - was this clip from a horror movie? No, it was an afternoon around 5 p.m. at the end of swim practice.

There were many new additions to the team. The first was seventeen freshmen who added depth to the team. Coach Terry Caldwell said, "The freshmen swimmers really support the upperclassmen; they are the people behind the scenes." The addition of a new Duraflex diving board aided the improvement of the diving team. The last addition was a banner which runs across the pool, telling the visiting teams exactly where they are.

The team began its season with a meet against Sullivan North. Both boys and girls defeated North by a large margin.

The team traveled to Vir-

ginia Tech to swim against Blacksburg High School. Blacksburg was the only Virginia team that the Bearcats competed against. The boys won and the girls lost at this meet.

Ten members traveled to

ROLL! Junior Susan Sikora outstrokes her opponents in the 200 Individual Medley against Sullivan South. The girls defeated the Rebels in the dual







WHAT POSITION? Diving Coach Molly Boyle instructs Lori Taylor on her dive. The diving program was enhanced by the purchase of a new Duraflex board

BREATHE — Senior Amy Geiger pulls through the water. Geiger went on to gain the honor of most outstanding girl swimmer.

TAKE YOUR MARK — The boys' 200 Medley Relay prepares to start at the Virainia-Tennessee swim meet.

The Vikings went on to win the meet over both boys and girls.



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## NEW EDITION

Western Kentucky University for a meet involving many teams. The girls placed 15th out of 21 teams and the boys were 14th out of 21. Senior Duane Goff said, "I really thought that the meet was exciting; with all of the big teams there, it was an honor to be there. I felt that it helped make my senior year special."

In early February Aaron Thomas, George Hushour and Amy Geiger traveled to Emory University in Atlanta for a regional high school meet. Thomas placed 9th in the 200 I.M. and 20th in the 100 free. Hushour placed 13th in the diving competition. Geiger placed 13th in the 200 I.M. and 13th in the 100 back.

The team was very closeknit and many attributed their successful season to the spirit of the team. Senior Amy Geiger said, "the spirit and closeness of our team was a big factor in our season."

The team ended up with the Big 6 meet at which time many personal and school records were set. The most exciting was the 200 medley relay breaking the twoyear-old record. The members were Emmett Bane, Phillip Roe, Aaron Thomas and Duane Goff; their time was 1:56.6.

The boys' record was seven wins and four losses and the girls' record was eight wins and three losses, which was the best record ever.

SMALL TALK — Members of the 200 Medley Relay, Amy Geiger, Melissa James, Susan Sikora and Stefanie Leonard discuss their race. The girls' relay was only defeated by three teams during the season.





GO! The swimmers at the Big 6 swim meet gather behind the blocks to cheer on their team. The 'Cats were second over all in this meet.

FLY AWAY — Sophomore Aaron Thomas strokes his way to victory. Thomas scored 184.5 points, the most points ever scored in a single

STRETCHI Senior Wendy Davidson practices her diving position. The divers were coached by Molly









BOYS' SWIM TEAM - Front row: George Hushour, Duane Goff, Aaron Thomas, Second row: Brian Hileman, Jay Detrick, Jeff Hayes, Back row: Carl Hayter, Bo Stanley, David Wright and, Mitch Widener. BOY'S SWIMMING

VHS	OPPONE	TV
91	71	Sullivan North
90	113	Sullivan East
90	62	Sullivan Central
104	103	Elizabethton
98	71	Blacksburg
50	121	Dobyns-Bennett
72	95	Tennessee High
28	53	Sullivan South
105	60	Blacksburg
43	- 32	Elizabethton

14th at Western Kentucky 25th at Emory University 2nd at Big 6

#### A 22 and 2 record and second seat in SWD put Creger in the

CHECKING — Coach Ed Cressel prepares strategy before a match. Team members qualified for several competitions.



## SPOTLIGHT

The wrestling team concluded its season with a record of 3 and 9. Among the team there were some "very successful wrestlers," according to the head wrestling coach Ed Cressel, like 112 pound freshman Greg Richardson who had a regular season record of 12 and 7.

Finishing second in the Southwest District was the heavyweight sophomore Mike Gates, who qualified for the regional tournament. Gates had the most pins of the team and had a record

of 18 and 7.

One hundred and thirty-eight pound junior George Creger was "the most outstanding wrestler," said Cressel. He finished second in the SWD, was District II regional champion, qualified for the state tournament and had a record of 22 and 2

Sophomore Jeff Moyers commented, "In my first year on the team I gained a lot of experience, and I am looking forward to next year."

Coach Cressel in a con-

cluding statement said, "I had hoped to do better than we did; however, with only two seniors on the team, we did well for mostly freshman and sophomores. The guys banded together and worked hard and improved throughout the year. We all look forward to next year, and I have a great group of guys coming back."

COVERED — Sophomore Kevin Davis has his opponent from Lebanon covered. Davis proved to be the number one wrestler in his weight





ALL EYES ON THE MAT — Wrestlers intently concentrate on their team member and his opponent. Sidelines provided a good source of support.

TIME OUT — Coaches Steve Wright and Ed Cressel take time out during practice to explain strategy to Kevin Davis, Greg Richardson and John Rawn. Individual team records showed strength as several qualified for the regional and state competitions.







WRESTLING TEAM - Varsity -WRESTLING TEAM — Value Front row: David Counts, Damon Faulkner, Jeff Moyers, Don Sanderson, Randy Russell. Second row: John Rawn, Pete Green, Greg Richardson, Kevin Davis and Steve Sikes. Third row: Junior Varsity: Chris Brown, Todd Crusenberry, Wally Steele, Danny Thomas, Mark Counts and John Smiley. Back row:

WRESTLING 3-10 **OPPONENT** 44 Grundy 52 Abingdon 37 Tenn, High 47 Battle 20 Patrick Henry 16 Lebanon 51 Science Hill 30 Graham 52 Marion 38 Castlewood 49 Richlands 42 J.J. Kelly 45 Tazewell 25 18 26 22 55 57 18 48 21 35 14 34 22 45 Tazewell

Danny Hubbard, Dennis Hayden, Chris Cox, Robbie Nelson, Bee Castle and Dale Cross.

TOUGH OPPONENT — Jonathon Ball held down by Chris Shofner of Science Hill. Ball was unable to finish the season due to an injury.





ENTHUSIASM EXECUTION!! The team takes a time out to discuss game plans. The slogan on Coach "Fish" Gupton's shirt announced the motto that was emphasized throughout the season.

READY FOR THE KILL!! While her teammates take their positions for the play, junior Debbie Cunningham sets up the ball. Cunningham, a third-year veteran, was the team's only setter during the matches.





For Fish's varsity and Jordan's JV, "E" was for Enthusiasm and

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n his first year as varsity head coach, Gene "Fish" Gupton brought the Cats through a successful season. Ranking fourth in the Southwest District, the Bearcats had a record of 9-6. "Although the team record was not outstanding, the effort put forth by the members was tremendous, "said Jill Honaker. She continued, "This was my first year playing volleyball, and I thought it was great, the coach was terrific and the veteran players were really helpful. Hard practices and teamwork made up for our inexperience and even though we were a young team, we fared well in the district.

For Christmas break the volleyball players had to

PEP TALK! Varsity team members get a pep talk from Coach Gene Gupton between matches. Gupton's first year of single-handedly coaching the varsity team proved to be a success.

trade their restful and relaxing vacation for a week of hard practices on the court. These practices usually lasted from 4-5 hours. Not only did they trade in their Christmas vacation, they had to give up a lot of free time after school, too. These practices lasted about 4-5 hours also and proved to be difficult in trying to balance eating, sleeping and homework.

Not only did these dedicated players learn discipline, they learned to play with "Enthusiasm Execution," true to the motto they wore on their team T-shirts.

Beth Lohman, Debbie Cunningham, and Tonya Shade, three veterans of the team, showed that hard work paid off when they were chosen as All-District as well as All-Tournament players for the Third Annual Bearcat Classic Tournament.

Competing in the Third Annual Bearcat Volleyball Classic, the ladies took third place and put three players on the All-Tournament team: Lohman, Cunningham and Shade.

For the first time in many years, the Cats rounded up a Junior Varsity team. Firsttime Jay-Vee coach Jennifer Jordan brought the Cats through the season with a 4-4 record.

AFTER THE FACT!! Laura Brungart, a sophomore, has just returned a serve in the match against John Battle's Lady Trojans. The Lady Cats went on to take the victory winning the last set 15-0.





VOLLEYBALL TEAM - Back row: Coach "Fish" Gupton, Beth Lohman, Michele Wampler, Laura Brungart, Becky Jackson, Angie Rut-

ledge and Teresa Barton. Front row: Debbie Cunningham, Mascot Paige Gupton and Jill Honaker

#### VOLLEYBALL

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	Bearcat Classic Tournament	
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2 Abingdon

Upperclassmen vets kept 'Cats in fourth while breaking in the

## NEW KIDS

vercoming injuries, ineligibilities and inexperience, the 'Cats hustled to a 10-12 ledger. Led by juniors Tony Scales and Todd Jackson along with senior David Carty, the team was "on" some nights and "off" others.

The Bearcats finished tied for fourth place in the Southwest District with an 8-7 record, with the biggest wins coming over John Battle at home and against Tennessee AAA foe Sullivan East. Also, Coach Ballard Lee received his one-hundredth

HELP! — Center Dave Carty looks down-court for an outlet pass as Richland's Rick Hardman eyes the basketball. Carty led the team in rebounding with an 8.1 average per game.

TRAFFIC. — Junior point guard Todd Jackson dribbles past Tennessee High's Sidney Mitchell and Chip King. Jackson topped all scorers with 20 points in the loss to the Vicoaching victory in the SWD tournament opener at home against Grundy.

Statwise, Todd Jackson led the roundballers in scoring with a 13.04 average. Tony Scales chipped in 11.25 per game and Dave Carty, 10.18. The big center also led the team in rebounding, pulling down 8.1 boards a contest. Junior forward Paul Carter hauled in a respectable 7.1 points per game.

As a team, the Bearcats shot 63% from the charity stripe and averaged 55.9









VARSITY - Kneeling, Todd Jackson and Anthony Campbell. Standing, Tony Scales, Deacon Matthews, Eric Sikorski, Trevor Mathes, David Carty, Paul Carter, Marc Dutton, Eric Adams, Donald Hill, and Matt

#### BASKETBALL 10-12

Varsity Opponent

- Tennessee High 69 53 Gate City
- 49 59 Tazewell 57 Richlands
- 50 East 50 Lebanon 62 Holston
- 57 Patrick Henry 55 Graham
- 66 Abingdon 46 Gate City
- 61 Marion 83 Tennessee High
- 31 45 62 39 48 58 62 69 66 54 48 57 32 60 66 50 66 35 50 John S Battle 43 Grundy
- 48 Patrick Henry 56 East
- 45 Marion
- 60 John Battle 45 Abingdon
- 56 48 39 Grundy (District) 59 Patrick Henry
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#### New Guys

points a game.

Jackson was named to the All-SWD first team as well as the Big Six squad. Scales, Carter and Carty received honorable mention All-SWD.

On the season, junior guard Mark Dutton reflected, "I think we were all a little timid and nervous because of the inexperience

factor, but we played really well at times and I hope it will continue over into next year."

In comparison, senior Carty added, "We didn't play up to our potential a lot of times, although I did enjoy the year and the competition involved. I believe that I grew as a player and a person by playing basketball."





LEANING IN - Junior Matt Shy moves past Richlands defender Randall Lowe. The Cats lost to the highly touted Blue Tornado 57-31.

- Opponent
- 44 Tennessee High
- 46 Gate City 44 Tazewell
- 60 Richlands 15 East
- 21 Lebanon 29 Holston
- 36 Patrick Henry 10 Graham
- 37 Abingdon 42 Gate City
- 51 Marion
- 27 John Battle
- 23 Grundy 34 Patrick Henry
- 39 East 31 Marion



JUNIOR VARSITY — Kneeling, Stacy Wampler and Lorenzo Johnson, Standing Eddie O'Dell, Todd Hare, Steve Hall, Matt Thiel, Mike Locke,

Jason Mumpower, Brian Lewis, Jeff Fowler, Mark Booher, Robbie Vincill, Deacon Matthews and Philip Chorosevic.



SOLID — Senior postman Eric Adams dishes off the ball to Todd Jackson after a steal against Grundy. The Bearcats defeated the Golden Wave in the first game of the Southwest District tourney, giving Ballard Lee his 100th. win.

SKULL SESSION — Coaches Jim Norton and Ballard Lee discuss strategy during a time out. Their instruction and support kept the Bearcats hustling.







STALWARTS — Junior Varsity Coach Lester Byington looks for answers as he converses with his team leaders Steve Hall, Robbie Vincill and Mike Locke. These three led the Junior Varsity in scoring and rebounding.

CROWNED — Juniors Julie Jordan and Todd Jackson hold their rewards after they were named Basketball Queen and King. The contest was sponsored by the History Club.

#### Season highlights accomplishments of track team's

## INDIVIDUALS

SUSPENDED? A Bearcat high jumper clears the bar as a John Battle trackster looks on. To succeed in the high jump, one must combine ability and timing.

ndividuals — that's how the track season could be summed up. Junior shotputter Brian Fouch commented, "I think everyone but it wasn't good enough as the team was con-

After a warm-up indoor season in which the tracksters polished their skills, several members fared exgave a hundred percent, tremely well. Versatile Kim Smith blazed through the to provide domination as far district, regionals, and cruised into the state with a

12.4 second 100 yard dash, a 26.2 clocking in the 200, a 14.7 time in the 100 hurdles, and long jumping as well.

Continuing, new school records were set by Torr Coulthard in the pole vault at 13 feet, which was good



TRACK TEAM — Front row: Kim Crowe, Shannon Scyphers, Lisa Chang, Becky Harkins, Kim Goins, Kim Smith, Michelle Thompson: Buffy Lewis, Jeannie Perry, Donna Smith, and Angie Rufledge. Second row: Bee Castle, Torr Coulthard, Leroy Worley, Jeff Stork, Mike Grigsby, Joh Vanover, Rick Boonjaras, John Carter, Jeff Surrat, Brad Griswald, John Amold. Back row: Geolf Moran, Keylin Dayis, Kellev Klepoper, Mark Griswald, John Arthold, Jack Fow, Seoth Moran, Kevin Davis, Kelley Klepper, Mark Worley, Derrick Clark, Lle Riviello, Kevin Waldo, Mike Musick, Brian Fouch, Philip Wil-liams, Dale Cross and Todd Hare.

TRACK
Meets Attended:

Dan Crowe Relays QUAD V-T Meet Wytheville Relays

Volunteer Classic Southwest District





EXHAUSTED — Kim Smith is hugged by a fellow competitor after winning her fourth event at the Wytheville meet. Smith won the 100 yard dash, the 200 yard dash, the 100 hurdles, and led the first-place 800 meter relay.



STRETCH — Leroy Worley rises over a hurdle as two opponents flank him. Worley ran the 300 hurdles and competed in the long jump.

#### Track Team's

## INDIVIDUALS SHINE

continued

enough for fifth in the state; the girls' 800 meter relay composed of Smith, Renee Bunche, Tamera Daggs, and Tonya Shade sprinting to a 1.46 beat; and Buffy Lewis, who set a peak of 40.3 seconds in the 300 hurdles.

Personal feats were accomplished by seniors Mike Grigsby in the mile at 4:35,

Jeff Stork in the 800 at 2:12, and Rick Boonjaras at 11.6 ticks in the 100. Junior Leroy Worley hustled to a 300 meter hurdle time of 40.2 and Paul Carter raced to a 51.8 showing in the 400 dash.

All in all, it was a tenure of single performances. Except for a big victory over nemesis Tennessee High, the team had a quiet year.

On the subject, hurdler and long jumper Worley reflected, ''I really absorbed the challenge and hard work involved, and I feel like I did contribute and accomplish as much as I could." With that in mind, the team represented itself positively in pride and continuity.





CLOSE RACE — Sophomore Kim Crowe dives over a hurdle in the Southwest District meet. Crowe proved to be a promising competitor in her area.

THE SKY'S THE LIMIT — Coach Kevin Sours manouvers Torr Coulthard through a successful pole vault attempt. Coulthard raised his standard to 13 feet in the state meet.





PUSH — Corey Fraction hurls the shot during a practice session. The

field events were often a challenge on the track agenda.



HURRY! Sprinter Paul Carter tries to get a step on Abingdon's Sean Lucas. Carter sprinted as well as competed in the long jump, high jump, and discus.

FLYING HIGH — Standout Kim Smith plunges into the long jump pit at Abingdon. Smith's wide talent was beneficial to the Cats as she was a winner in several events.





DETERMINED — Junior Renee Bunche grabs a quick lead in the 200 yard dash. Bunche motored to a 26.2 time in the event.

HIT TO HIS FOREHAND — Coach Gene Gupton instructs Emmett Bane, Eric Adams and David Crockett before a match. Opponents' strengths and weaknesses were discussed to determine the 'Cats best strategy.

DOWN THE LINE — Senior Steve Smith completes his stroke in a SWD match. Smith went undefeated in the District and was named to the All-SWD team.







Morristown East Lebanon Richlands John S. Battle Science Hill Myrtle Beach, S.C. Tennessee High Graham Abingdon Tazewell Marion

Tazewell Marion Blacksburg

Mills Godwin



MENS' TENNIS TEAM — Front row: Marc Sandefur, Eric Sandefur, Dave King, Paige Gupton, Scott Farmer, Gordon Blevins and Philip Chorosevic. Back row: Steve Smith, Emmett Bane, Eric Hurt, David Crockett,

Matt Thiel, Eric Adams, Patrick Widener and Eric Sikorski.

Bypassing Marion into Regionals,
Cats eye state with

## HIGH HODES

fter breaking the Marion Scarlet Hurricane's three-year grip on the Southwest District Championship last year, the Cats repeated that performance as they won the SWD and Region IV crowns before falling in the state semi-finals.

The 'Cats began their season with four straight wins, and finished with only one overall loss, a 5-4 decision won by Science Hill. The team also successfully defended the city championship against Tennessee High, winning by a score of 6-3.

The Cats ended the regular season with a clean SWD record, entitling them to first seed in the district tournament. After defeat-

ing the Richlands Blue Tornado by an 8-1 score in the semi-finals, the squad faced perennial district nemisis Marion for the district title and the right to compete in the Region IV tournament. Despite a thunderstorm which forced a move to the Bristol Indoor Tennis Center, the Bearcats prevailed by a 5-1 score. After the tournament Emmett Bane and Steve Smith were named to the All-Southwest District. Bane also garnered the Player-of-the-Year award.

As the squad moved into the Region IV finals at Christiansburg, VA, most of the team, including Gupton, expected a close match. However, the team won all three doubles matches, including the number one doubles match in which Matt Thiel was forced to substitute for an injured Eric Hurt. After the 6-3 victory, Gupton was named as Region IV Coach-of-the-Year.

The 'Cats then moved to the AA State Tournament, which was held at Hollins College. Their first opponents were the Mills Godwin Eagles, who were the defending state champions. The Eagles won all six singles matches and two of three doubles matches to score an 8-1 victory. Remarking on the loss, Coach Gupton said, "It's pretty good when you lose only two matches, one to a Tennessee AAA school and the other to the current state champions."

WE'RE NUMBER ONE! Members of the mens' tennis team celebrate immediately after winning the Region IV Championship at Blacksburg. The team took a 6-3 victory from the Blacksburg Indians as the 'Cats swept all three doubles matches to win the title.



LET'S GO GUYS! Fans of the mens' tennis team watch as the 'Cats compete in the state semifinals at Hollins College in Roanoke. Crowd support was cited by the coach and the players as an important factor in the teams' success.



THAT HENNES TOUCH — Senior Tracie Hennes goes to the net for the point against her opponent. Hennes was the only senior on the girls' team and led the Lady 'Cats to district competition: Playing number one for the team, Hennes finished her season with an impressive record of 8-4.



TAKING A BREAK — April Dillow and Tiffany Arnold watch competition during a district playoff with Coach Teresa Necessary. Dillow, playing number three for the season, was a winner in the semi-finals against Graham, but the team lost to the G-girls 5-2.

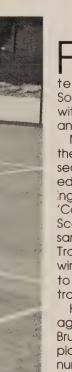


CONCENTRATION — Junior Beth Lohman prepares to return a serve in a match in district competition. Playing number two for the team, Lohman helped lead the Lady 'Cats

to a regular season record of 8-4 and with her doubles partner Tracie Hennes, held a doubles record of 6-2

#### Despite a quick end at District, ladies enjoy fans'

## LOYALITY



inishing the regular season with a record of 8 and 4, the girls' tennis team headed into the Southwest District playoffs with a district record of 4 and 3.

Marion was the first team they met. During regular season play, Marion defeated the Lady 'Cats 6-3. Rallying behind wins in singles, the 'Cats were able to beat the Scarlet Hurricanes by the same score of 6-3. Senior Tracie Hennes said that "this win was great, but we had to settle down and concentrate on Graham."

However in the semi-finals against the G-girls, Laura Brungart, the number six player, and April Dillow, the number three player, were the lone victors for the 'Cats. Unfortunately their season was halted with the

5-2 loss to Graham. Two of the matches were called because of darkness.

Coach Teresa Necessary said, "The '85 season was a good one. We have everyone returning except our number one player, Tracie Hennes, next year. The next few seasons look promising because I feel that we are going to develop more as a team."

Throughout the season the team received support from many patrons of tennis. Junior Jennifer Siegfried said that when she was playing, it meant a great deal to her to "have Virginia High fans out there supporting us. Support in tennis is something that is lacking, but I feel that the students really care about us, and they show it by coming out to watch us play."



GIRLS' TENNIS TEAM — Front row: Angela Courtney, April Dillow, Beth Lohman, Jill Honaker. Back row: Tracle Hennes, Tiffany

Arnold, Laura Brungart, Jennifer Siegfried and Coach Teresa Necessary.

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Eyeing state title, 'Cats meet their match in finals despite giving it their

## BEST SHOT

e set out from the beginning to reach the state and win it. I didn't want to settle for anything less." This reflected the attitude of senior Jeff Shelton, as well as the rest of the team. Accordingly, the 'Cats breezed through their District slate with a 9-1 ledger, won the region crown and advanced to the state finals only to see their title hopes vanish as Midlothian outlasted the 'Cats 10-7.

Led by six seniors, the Bearcats started off against tough Tennessee competition including Sullivan South, Sullivan North, Tennessee High and Central before entering their District schedule. They ripped off five straight victories before falling to Abingdon. But, they rebounded to win their last four games to clinch the District title against Grundy and secure a berth in the Region IV playoffs.

After reaching the SWD tournament as the number one seed, they first faced Patrick Henry, 9-3, before being upset by third-seeded Gate City 3-1 in the semifinals. But once again the 'Cats were able to bounce back and entered the Regional tournament with con-

IN POSITION — Defensive stalwart Donnie Hoss sets to await the swing of the next batter. Defense was the backbone of the team as the offense struggled throughout the year

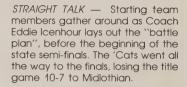
fidence. Led by timely hitting and the arm of Greg Turner, the 'Cats defeated Giles County 6-0 in the semifinals. Turner was touched for just one hit going the distance while walking only one and striking out seven.

The Bearcats then faced new River District Champion Carroll County in the finals. Behind hurler Jimmy Nave, the 'Cats won handily 8-3 for their third region crown in five years. Two steps away from their ultimate goal, the Bearcats then faced Region

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GOOD JOB — After blasting a three-run triple, Jeff Shelton is congratulated by Coach Eddie Icenhour. Shelton cleared the bases to give the 'Cats a 3-0 lead over Appomattox in the first inning of the state semifinals.









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THE PITCH — After reaching base on a single, Mark Daniels gets a lead in attempt to steal second. The 'Cats stole 44 bases as a team.

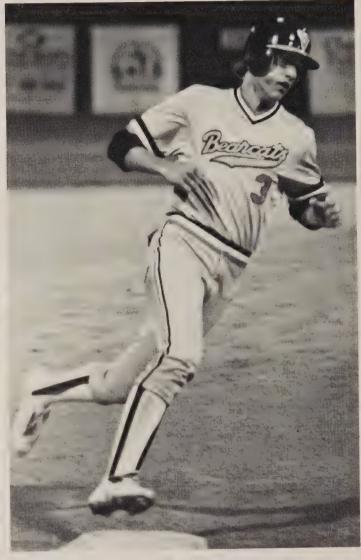




BASEBALL TEAM — Front row: Benji Vlumpower, Darryl Bryant, Todd lackson, Derrick Arnold, Scotty White, Steve Breeding and Eddie D'Dell. Scond row: Manager Jimmy Webb, Chris Turner, Jeff Shelton,

Doug Lambert, Wayne Hess, Donnie Hoss, Jimmy Nave and Manager Lee Freeman. *Third row*: Manager Mike Gates, John Icenhour, Steve Hall, Jeff Daniels, Danny Gilliam, Kevin Farmer, Brent Harrison and volvin

unteer Lance Stewart. Back row: Coach Bill Halstead, Trainer Dave Roberts, Mark Daniels, Mike Locke, Greg Turner and Coach Eddie Icenhour. FOUR-SACKER — Junior right fielder John Icenhour rounds third after smashing his third home run of the season, Icenhour came through for the 'Cats during post season play with a .417 batting average.



CONCENTRATION — Connecting for his first triple of the season, senior shortstop Kevin Farmer helped lead the 'Cats to a 9-2 victory over John Battle. Farmer shared duty at shortstop with Eddie O'Dell.





BEHIND THE SCENES — Watching intently from the dugout is Coach Eddie Icenhour. Icenhour's stress on

hard work and dedication paid good dividends, taking the 'Cats all the way to the state finals.





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## BEST SHOT

III Champ Appomattox in the semifinals. Turner, again going the distance for the 'Cats, allowed only one run en route to a 6-1 victory.

Their next appearance marked their third trip to the state finals in just five years. But tradition was not to repeat itself. Despite a threerun seventh inning rally, the 'Cats could not come back from a 10-7 deficit. Led by Derrick Arnold, who went two for three, and home runs on the part of Jeff Shelton, his sixth, and Grea Turner his fifth, the pitching staff was unable to control the hot bats of the Midlothian Trojans.

Statistically, the team was led by senior Greg Turner who batted .408 with 19 runs batted in and four home runs. He compiled a 6-1 regular season mound mark with 52 strikeouts in 45 innings pitched. In tourney play, Turner pitched two complete games, allowing only 12 hits while stacking up

28 strikeouts to complete the season at 9-1. Turner was also chosen to participate in the VHSL East-West game.

Other key players included senior left fielder Jeff Shelton who hit at a .302 clip during regular season while coming alive in tourney play to heat up the bats with a .375 average while connecting for three home runs and six rbi's. Senior third baseman Donnie Hoss was also instrumental in the 'Cats winning season batting .351 in regular season and .467 in post season play. Junior right fielder John Icenhour also rose to the occasion with a blistering .417 average in tournament play. Junior Jimmy Nave further helped the cause behind a 6-1 regular season mark with an astonishing .50 ERA, with 69 strikeouts in 42 innings allowing only three earned runs.

The Cats ended the season with a 17-7 record.



DELIVERY — Junior right hander Jimmy Nave shows his concentration as he releases his fastball. Nave struck out 69 batters and walked 28 in 42 innings pitched during regular season to lead the 'Cats with a .50 ERA.

THE ROAD TO VICTORY — Helping to clear the bases, senior Donnie Hoss blasts a two-run homer to give the Bearcats a 5-0 lead over Appomattox in the state semifinals. The 'Cats went on to win the game 6-1 to advance to the state finals.

RESTING UP — Catching a breath before the second half, sophomore Suzette Gray sits on the steps. Halftime was enjoyed by players and cheerleaders to prepare for the second half.

LETS GO — Cheering on the team, junior Lisa McCroskey leads the fans. The spirit of the cheerleaders and fans helped the team through the season.



VARSITY CHEERLEADERS — Kim Pierce, Michelle Widner, Lisa McCroskey, Ami Mull, Kelly Walker, Suzette Gray and Jill Crutchfield. Not pictured is Kim Crowe.





#### Many hours at camp and at home proved there's more to it than

## GO TEAM?

Tension continued to mount, the minute hand on the clock seemed to hardly move. Then, finally, it was time. The principal's voice flowed through the intercom as he began to announce the '84-'85 cheer-leaders.

But that was just the beginning. After tryouts, the work really began. Practice started and the cheerleaders learned cheers and then perfected them for camp. Camp was held in June at Appalachian State University for one week.

There the cheerleaders learned cheers, chants, pyramids, partner stunts, and safety measures in performing these. They worked with the hot sun beaming down on them from eight in the morning until nine-thirty at night, only breaking for lunch and dinner. The cheerleaders were judged on cheers, spirit, stunts, and routines and by the end of the week had earned one outstanding ribbon, four spirit sticks and to end an excellent week, they placed in the top ten squads of excellency.

Asked if all the sore muscles and bruises were worth it, Kim Crowe with a smile replied, "It was hard work, but spending the week with the

cheerleaders builds friendships and improves your ability to work together as a squad."

After camp, came the time that all the girls had worked for, football and basketball games and during the baseball season working the concession stand. However, practice did not stop with camp; there were always new cheers to learn and be practiced, and once the football season ended, the cheers had to be converted to basketball cheers, and a pompom routine had to be choreographed for halftime entertainment.





JV CHEERLEADERS — Front row: Stefanie Leonard; Second row: Susan Willis, Tammy Sprouse and Karen Tilley; Back row: Sponsor Linda Duckworth, Kim Blevins, Shannon Horton and Sherry Mullins.

GETTING READY — Breaking from decorating, freshmen Shannon Horton and Tammy Sprouse dig into a pizza. The cheerleaders spent one entire Saturday preparing for V-T week.



SURPRISED — Senior Michelle Widener, escorted by Eric Adams, receives her Homecoming Queen crown from last year's queen, Tabetha Gerdes, assisted by Principal A.T. Outlaw. The contest is voted on by the entire student body.

### Athletes, coaches honored at All-Sports Banquet

thletes entered the cafeteria May 25 to attend the All-Sports Banquet and eager to receive their awards. The Banquet was catered by Friends Catering and after the meal, athletes and coaches gathered in the auditorium to present the awards.

Jeff Shelton and Amy Geiger were the recipients of the coveted James Farmer Award for outstanding male and female athlete. Steve Smith was honored with the Cecil Rasnake Scholarship Award as the senior athlete with the highest academic standing.

David Roberts received the Teddy Slagle Outstanding Manager award. The McEver-Feathers Award for outstanding achievement in football was presented to Jeff Shelton. The BrantlevJessee Basketball Award was awarded to Tony Scales and Angie Rutledge. The T.T. Hammack Awards were presented to Sonny Cross for golf, George Creger for wrestling, Tracie Hennes for girls' tennis. Other awards in football were the Burrhead Bradley 110% Heart Award presented to Donnie Hoss.

Basketball awards were presented to David Carty and Jennifer Mech for rebounds, Todd Jackson and Angie Rutledge for assists, Todd Jackson and Jennifer Mech for free throws and Donald Hill and Lori Robbins for Mr. and Miss Hustle. The most improved awards for basketball went to Hope Thomas and Paul Carter.

Other award winners included Kevin Waldo and Jeannie Perry for cross country; Jon Vanover and Renee Bunche for indoor track; John Roe and Kim Smith for indoor track field events; John Vanover and Kim Smith for outdoor track; Torr Coulthard and Kim Smith for outdoor track field events; Aaron Thomas and Amy Geiger for swimming.

Volleyball award winners were Tonya Shade for top hitter and Debbie Cunningham for top setter. Other wrestling awards were most pins presented to Mike Gates and most career wins to George Creger.

The Kiwanis Sportsmanship Awards were presented to Derrick Arnold for football, Randy Campbell for golf, Michael Grigsby for boys' cross country, Jeannie Perry for girls' cross country, Teresa Barton for girls' basketball, Eric Adams for boys' basketball, Jill Honaker for volleyball, Kelly Klepper for boys'

indoor track, Renee Bunche for girls' track, Duane Goff for boys' swimming and Stefanie Leonard for girls' swimming, Paul Carter for boys' outdoor track, Stacy Heaney for girls' track, Tiffany Arnold for girls' tennis.

No awards for boys' tennis and baseball were given since their seasons were still in progress.

Some special awards were presented to Kevin Sours for Coach of the Year of boys' cross country, and to Lester Byington for his retirement from coaching after 13 years.

Special recognition was given to the four Southwest District Champions: boys' cross country, girls' indoortrack, boys' tennis and baseball

After the awards the participants returned to the cafeteria for a dance.



PRIDE AND JOY — After an impressive season record and a trip to the state tournament, junior George Creger is awarded the T.T. Hammack Award for wrestling by Coach Ed Cressel. Creger also received an award for the most career wins.

READY TO EAT — Athletes talk before they go through the line. About 200 athletes and dates attended the banquet.



 $\it DIG~IN!$  Athletes and dates start dinner. Following the banquet, through the banquet line for their awards were presented.







LET US PRAY — Senior Steve Smith gives the invocation before the din-ner began. Smith received the Cecil Rasnake Scholarship Award.

GOOD ATTITUDE — A representative of the Bristols Kiwanis Club awards Derrick Arnold with the Kiwanis Sportsmanship Award for football. Arnold was also a member of the state runner-up baseball team.

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t all began in kindergarten with the first steps into the halls of learning, and it continued throughout elementary and junior high school. Knowledge was expanded until the sharp realization dawned in every heart and mind — there is a real world out there!

Substantial amounts of time in every student's busy day were devoted to homework and other class-related activities. Frustration threatened attitudes at times, but the prospect of college incited most students into making their vital signs evident in the form of valiant efforts in the classroom.

College careers loomed in the recesses of many students' minds, and this ambition often lent concrete reasons for working toward good grades in high school. Other students, however, had intentions of going directly into a working situation. This goal did not detract from the importance of education because vocational classes were good preparation for a wide variety of jobs. In either case, each student realized the importance of doing his best.



KEEPING UP WITH THE TIMES — Expanding knowledge was not limited to the students as Coach Fred Fisher learns while working on the computer during his planning period. The computers were added as a new resource center to aid teachers in their classroom preparations.

IT'S A SMALL WORLD — Kenneth White and Paul Rhyner use their spare time constructively. Science rooms provided a good source of educational possibilities which were readily available to the students.





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From the clatter of typists to the voices of the choir, students learned by getting

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From piano keys to test keys, hardly a day passed where students did not encounter one kind of key or another.

Studnets in beginning typing repeated "a-s-d-f....j-k-l-;" until they said it in their sleep. Business and data processing classes introduced even more kinds of keys. Patterns to adding machines and computers, as well as typewriters had to be memorized, and many students found that these were easily confused.

Another keyboard that was becoming increasingly familiar was that of the computer. More than twenty computer consoles were used in classes ranging from data processing to Chemistry II, French and Spanish. The front office was also furnished with computers that both teachers and secretaries found advantageous.

If you mentioned keys to a sophomore, his first thought would most likely be of car keys and of that very vital little object made of paper and plastic that he did not think he could wait another day for his driver's license.

However, a semester of Driver's Education, both classroom and on-theroad training, had to be endured first. Driving on the range could be quite an experience, especially if one had never been behind the wheel before. Said sophomore Mona Sledge of her first experience on the range," I was very nervous - I'd never even started an engine before. My worst fear was that I wouldn't be able to turn the corners right!"

A majority of the band members were well-aquainted with keys, either the keys on their instruments or the key signature of the music. Choral students had to be aware of keys, too—staying on key, that is. However, the hard work paid off for both groups,

as both found members of their ranks qualifying for All-Regional and All-State concerts. Senior Melissa Leonard represented the band while Christi Jones, Carolyn Waldo, Beth Loudy, Dori Collins, Donald Hill, Chris Oliver, Brian Hileman, Todd Hare, Matt Shy, Trini Carlton and Chris Shearin represented the choir, with two students, Christi Jones and Donald Hill, going to All-State choir.

So, it is plain to see that keys played a vital role in almost every aspect of the academic scene and individual students found that at least one of these keys could be his own "key to success."

KEY TO SUCCESS — Members of the woodwind section practice in order to perfect a number for their next performance. Their practice paid off as they garnered numerous awards, including "Greatest Band in Dixie" at Mardi Gras in New Orleans.









ON KEY — Second period choir students get a little help learning their parts from Mrs. Dianne Thomas on the piano. The choir's numbers ranged from a reverent "Cannon of Praise" to a whimsical modern arrangement called "Steam Heat."

KEYS AND MORE KEYS — Perfecting their skills at the type-writer are juniors L.R. Pierce and Dene McCormick. Typing, accounting and business students had to be efficient on typewriters and adding machines, as well as computers.

Students find that they must know a variety of ''languages'', not just English, just to get their

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When a baby says his first word, everyone is proud. Little does he know that he still has a long way to go. As if English wasn't hard enough, high schools required that a foreign language such as Latin, French or Spanish be taken.

But these weren't the only languages offered. There were other encounters into unknown "languages," such as computer, math, chemistry, chorus, band, journalism and even fashion merchandising. Many of these consisted of a vocabulary few of us ever heard in words or see on paper, even though they all affect various aspects of our lives.

The true foreign languages, Latin, French and Spanish, required the mastery of an entire, separate vocabulary. Quite a few of these words were cognates, or words that look alike and have the same meaning in both languages, making the process of learning them easier. Said Miss Robin Bowery, "It's obvious that Latin would be a big help with all the termanology found in any science course, but the most amazing thing I've noticed, having to teach both Latin and Chemistry, is that the analytical processes that the "mind" has to go through for one is often a duplicate for the other."

Even math could seem to be another tongue. The terms, such as variable, foci and slope, could be quite foreign at times. Just the thought of these words was enough to make the heads of some students spin in confusion.

Science could sometimes also be enough to send a classmate on a permanent trip into the Twilight Zone. Biology, Chemistry, Physics — the very names sounded alien. The formulas and words could leave one stumped when the first major test rolled around. The mass of formulae which only the most serious pupil could untangle left a less serious student in confusion. As Shannon Roark observed, "Foreign language and science are much alike because you have to know what

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SEEKING ANSWERS - Kevin Farmer, Kim Crowe, Tonnie Moretz and Pam Weaver prepare a chemistry experiment in Miss Robin Bowery's class. These experiments often involved complicated formulas and extensive lab reports.





LISTENING IN — Ms. Sue Cressel gives a lecture as her first period Algebra II class listens. With its many different terms, this was often compared to a foreign language.

WORKING IT OUT — Spanish teacher Carolyn Williams explains a test question to Stacy Wampler. Spanish students were taught the correct way to speak and write the language.

TALKING ABOUT IT — Latin teacher Miss Robin Bowery and senior Bobby Tipton discuss verb conjugation as senior Candy Scragg listens intently. Students were required to take three

years of one foreign language or two years of two in order to receive an advanced diploma.

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LISTENING AND LEARNING — Mrs. Eileen Garner gives her first period French I class a lesson. The first year consisted primarily of vocabulary, basic phrases and conjugation of verbs.



MODERN LANGUAGE — Sherry Eller works on a program for the Business Computer Applications class. Mastering the computer languages frequently entailed much memorization.

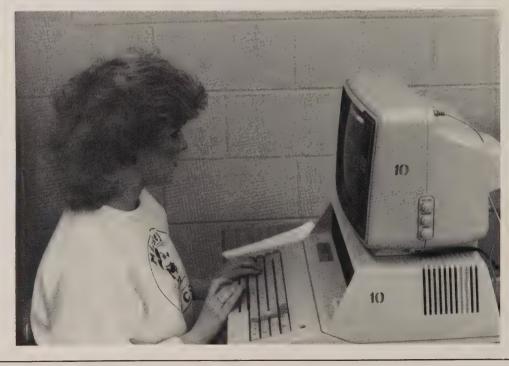
you can and can't do to make the problem turn out right."

Journalism sounded easy enough, but once one got into it, there were enough terms to rival the English language. Mrs. Betty Morton, publications advisor and journalism teacher, commented, "When I introduce my students to journalism, they feel they are in a different language when they have to learn terms like pica, eyeline, internal margins, dominant picture, flush right, tombstone heads, body copy, gutter, etc. Soon they learn each of these terms have a definite meaning for publications and soon they become a regular part of their vocabulary."

A new world opened up to a student of computer applications. It was its own culture, separate from others with different rules, regulations and languages, such as Pascal, BASIC or Cobal. Mrs. Brenda Carroll, who taught this fascinating subject was "involved in two BA-

SIC language classes where students were engaging in the beginning levels of programming and an overall review of computer history and its impact on society today and in the future." Certainly all of these languages had great impact, and this grew as everyday went by!

SEARCHING — Melissa James and Tricia McClure look through the picture file to find those needed for their yearbook pages. Journalism students found a variety of new terms confronting them in this class.









CLOSE INSTRUCTION — Mrs. Carol Colorbro and her first period Fashion Merchandising class work on their designer projects. This class was a foreign lan-guage in the sense that there were many new applications of words to learn.

PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT — Mrs. Diane Thomas' second period concert choir practices a piece for concert. The notes, phrases used and even songs in Latin or Italian made this another tongue.

Providing new insights & news, speakers were

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Guest speakers in the classroom provided a welcome change from the everyday routine in addition to different view points on material covered by the regular teacher.

These speakers could be found in a single class-room, at assembly programs, or at special functions, but each of them added to the learning experience for the students. Whether it was a visit from a congressman speaking on politics or a naturalist explaining the philosophies of Thoreau, the first-hand experience lent credibility to the text-book material.

Mr. William Gore, a naturlaist, visited Mrs. Marianne Post's College Preparatory English II class. Mr. Gore discussed the philosophies of Emerson and Thoreau.

"As Mr. Gore is a former student of mine, I always enjoy having him talk with my class. His ideas of man's relationship with nature is refreshing and sometimes most enlightening. I like him," commented Mrs. Post.

Rebecca Moore, a junior, said, "Mr. Gore was very interesting. I feel that I could relate what he was saying to the things that I learned about Thoreau in class. He really

made me stop and think very deeply about nature and the influence that it can and does have upon a person."

Miss Sue Shaw, government teacher explains, "Guest speakers provide an excellent way for teachers to bring the 'real world' into the academic realm." After discussing elections and campaigns this fall, the students heard Ken Stevens, a city councilman, discuss his recent campaign. Candidates for the 9th District seat in the U.S. Congress, Congressman Rick Boucher and Mr. Jeff Stafford, addressed the government students prior to the election. This gave the students an opportunity to learn first-hand about the candidates' Bristol lawyers, views. Pete Curcio, Bob Ward, Kurt Pomrenke and Ed Stout worked with the advanced government students on a mock trial.

According to Mrs. Sue Cressell, instructor of Health Occupations class, "Many students considering a career in health base their choice on a romantic notion about a specific career or on idealized feelings of wanting to help others." She explained that unless the students have had some acuaintance with a vari-

ety of health workers, the whole field remains a mystery. She feels that the mass media tend to present a distorted picture of health workers, their duties and relationships with colleagues, and with the public. "For all of these reasons and more, I feel it is excellent to use guest speakers in the different health careers to give the students first hand knowledge of the occupation," she said.

Guest speakers to the class have included a veterinarian, a medical social worker, a registered dietition, a family nurse practioner, a pharmacist, a physical therapist, a speech pathoogist, a dental hygienist, an audiologist, an occupational therapist, and registered nurses.

Among other speakers were Katy Sumner on business fashion for Fashion Merchandising; Mrs. Ronan Kins of Dominion National Bank for General Business; Mrs. Bob Blevins from Wheat First on investing in the stock market for Economics; Dr. Ray Moore of Bristol College for the Computer classes; and Mr. Roy Maines of Bristol Va. Fire Department on fire safety for VICA. These speakers provided expertise and perspective for students.





VOICING HIS OPINION — Congressman Rick Boucher, U.S. Representative from Virginia's ninth district, speaks to the gov-

ernment classes. Boucher answered questions about his current campaign for re-election.



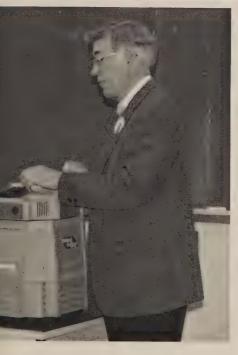
GOOD ADVICE — Sometimes advisory personnel worked with the students on a one-to-one basis. Mrs. Kate Kegley, owner of Adam and Eve shop in Abingdon, works with Patty Necessary at a DECA contest.

LISTENING CLOSELY — Student presidents of the vocational clubs listen to a speaker at the annual Advisory Dinner. Acting as hosts for the event were Tony Offield — Industrial Arts, Eddie Leonard — VICA Morning Chapter, Lisa Sykes — DECA, Paula Holmes — HOSA, Daina Odum — Executive Club Council, and Valerie Crusenberry — VICA afternoon Chapter.

PAY ATTENTION — A common experience for students was to listen to their teachers as they presented the lessons each day. Miss Carol Propst lectures to her second period Gifted/Talented class.









ROBOTRON — Dr. Ray Moore, the admissions director at Bristol College, demonstrates HERO to Miss Melba Hayter's Business Computer Applications class. HERO is a robot whose varied applications can be controlled via a small keyboard, on which the students participated.

ONCE UPON A TIME — Storyteller Andrena Belcher acts out stories from Applachian folklore to the student body accompanied by her husbnad, Tom Bledsoe. The couple presented the assembly program climaxing Andrena's study unit of folklore in several English classes.

Students find teachers' compulsion for assigning research papers to be

WORKING HARD — Todd Pannell looks for a librarian to get a magazine while Robbie Nelson continues to copy notes for his paper. Note cards and resource materials were vital sources for documentation.



In most everyone's life there came a time that a research paper had to be written. It was a dreaded task, but it proved very beneficial.

Research papers were written in many different classes, from English to Advanced Biology, Physical Education, and Health Occupations. Kim Vanover commented that "writing a research paper benefitted me in several ways. It took many hours of hard work, but when I finished I felt I had really accomplished something."

Research papers were not assigned just to cause a student misery and ag-

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gravation, they had a purpose. For the college bound student, a research paper provided experience in using the library, spacing out time, and writing a thesis. For students not planning to go on to college, a research paper gave them a sense of responsibility which may later prove helpful in their life's work.

Research, research, research! It was time to raid the library and burn the midnight oil. Many times a student's fingers ached so badly from writing that it seemed almost impossible to go on, but he had to push himself until the last line of the final copy was finished. At that moment, it seemed as if a great burden had been lifted.

There were two ways to do a research paper; the student could work diligently on it for a certain amount of time everv day until it was due, but that method was rarely used. The most common way to do a research paper, though, was to wait until the last minute. One student, Cindy Horton, remarked "Putting it off to the last minute was a bad habit, but the work always got done."



GETTING INTO IT - Charlie Dye and Keith Childress work diligently on an assignment. The library offered many sources of information including reference books and newspaper articles.





NEED HELP? Mrs. Patsy Dutton gives assistance to Kendrea Childress while working in the library. Assistance from teachers was often necessary to make sure students were on the right track.

RESEARCH, RESEARCH! Julie Jordan and Michael Adkins discuss their work with one another. Students often offered assistance to each other while working in groups during classtime.

STAYING IN THE LINES — Painting stage props, Alicia Stevens works to give it her personal touch. Students help with the Spring Festival backdrops each year.

Students find that learning to use tools from wrench to a T-square comes in

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Paint and brush, torch and steel, scissors and ćomb. These tools can't perform without the help of hands — hands that are skilled in these fields.

Students took classes such as drafting, art, science, cosmetology, welding, math, journalism, building trades, and many others which dealt with skilled hands. These classes taught rules to help on the assignments, and techniques to add that special touch.

Whether it was drawing a picture, building or repairing something, styling hair, designing a layout or dissecting a specimen, these skills had to be learned and took work and practice to perfect.

These skills were not just classes taught in high school and never used again, they could be developed into very rewarding careers.

Virginia Times ad manager Resa Blackburn commented that "Precise measurements and hours of work had to be put into the school newspaper, but I really enjoyed it and I plan to go into advertising so the hard work will, in time, pay off."

Students learned the basic designs in drafting and built up to the more complex projects like designing the layout of houses. They were responsible for the design used by the Building Trades class for its project of actually building a house in the community.

Another area in this category was art. In art, not only did the students

learn ways to draw pictures, they learned to improve their art work, the values of colors, and how to mix colors. The right colors to use and different methods of doing artwork were also taught.

Art interest led to careers such as commercial art or graphic design.

Another class promoting career interest was fashion merchandising. The students enrolled in this class studied different fashion designers and learned about different fabrics. Washing instructions for the different fabrics were also taught.

Skills learned in academic as well as vocational classes benefited students in planning careers

PERFECT MEASUREMENTS — Measuring to the inch, sophomore Steve Hall begins his layout. Drafting is available to sophomores, juniors, and seniors.







STEADY HANDS — Senior Cindy Smith uses the dissecting tools to study the anatomy of the cat's structure. The Advanced Biology class dissected a cat as a major project.

SPARKS FLY — Welding metal pieces together, sophomore Randy Mikeal keeps a steady hand. Safety was especially needed in this class.



LATE NIGHT — Room 106 keeps busy late at night with the year-book and newspaper staffs working to meet their deadlines. Both publications were recognized for their achievements nationally



CURL, CURL, CURL — Jill Baker and Jamie Patrick put final touches on patron Mrs. Ben Cocke before putting her under the dryer. Cosmotology students had the test of working with patrons in the community.



WORDS, WORDS — Seniors Tammy Chapman and Erin O'Brien take a timed typing test. Learning typing skills was a vital part of the business classes.

THINKING HARD — Students concentrate while taking a major test. Tests required studying, concentration and luck.







Come test time, freshman and senior are equal in the deluge of

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Students were tested many times in the course of an ordinary day. Climbing out of bed and getting ready was a test of time.

Trying to get a parking place was a test of luck. And making it through the day without an embarassing moment was a test of skill. Amy Cheng said, "tests are way of telling about your outlook on life. Some people dread them while others find them challenging and fun."

In addition to these were the ordinary tests given in each class. These tests sometimes came at bad times. For instance when there were six tests in the same day, a ball-

LAST MINUTES — Freshman Laura Widener takes a few minutes to look over her notes before beginning a test. Students had mixed emotions about them, but agreed they measured progress.

game to attend or something special that needed to be done, choices had to be made.

Then there were the tests that required the taker to fill in endless circles. These tests were the SAT and ACT for the college-bound student, NEDT and PSAT for juniors and sophomores, and the SRA for freshmen and juniors. These tests aided college entrance and placement. There was also the competency test that had to be taken and passed before graduation.

Tests such as the Advanced Placement History and English were given to students in those classes. These tests gave

students the opportunity to gain credit for freshman level classes when they enrolled in college. Senior Tammy Bowers said, "they were grueling to go through, but if you get the college credit, it's worth it."

There were also many physical tests for the student including the Presidential Fitness Award which included the 600 yard run, pull-ups or flexed arm hang, sit-ups, 50 yard dash, standing broad jump, and the shuttle run. Other physical tests were just making it through a day of school on a warm spring day.

Although tests were hated by most students, they were necessary.

TOUCH 'N GO — Senior Stan Haralson tries to understand an error on a program in his Business Computers class. Computers were used in many areas such as accounting, in the library and in marketing.

PROOFREADING — Senior Patty Necessary looks over her work in Office Specialists with help from Mr. Ray Hooper. Use of the typewriter in classroom instruction gave students an advantage on the job.



PROPER USE — Building Trades instructor. Tom Nelson explains the correct use of the power saw used for mitering to Rickie Boonjaras and Jeff Jones. This and many other machines aided in the construction of a house.









In printing or chemistry or typing, students have to deal with all kinds of

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This is the "now" generation was a well-known statement around the school.

Since the demand for speed and accuracy increased, so did the demand for use of machines in schools.

Filmstrip projectors, video recorders, and overhead projectors were used in all areas of classroom instruction.

Visual machines became a large part of classroom instruction. The video recorder was used in the swimming classes to give students step-bystep techniques in swimming. Novels were presented to the English classes with the video recorder.

Brian Lindsay pointed out, "Computers have played a large role in the further development of students' and teachers' skills."

Computers were used by many faculty members. Mr. Robert Taylor used the computer in his math classes, Mrs. Clemmer Ann Allen used the computer with her Marketing classes to help students understand how a business was run. Mrs. Elizabeth Whitaker used the computer to keep student and faculty files. The library used it to accomplish many tasks. It was used to keep records of fines, overdue books, available books and reference material. The li-

CLEAR THE SCREEN — Mathematics teacher Mr. John Brown cleans off the overhead projector to prepare for another prob-

brary began a program that allowed students to gain access to twentyseven academic and public libraries.

The library subscribed to a computerized data base service consisting of two-hundred data bases and seventy to eighty-million records called Dialoa.

"Lectures and video tapes presented to the students allowed them to conduct their own research," Mr. James Barrett, librarian, explained.

Chemistry students searched for chemical abstracts by using these information services. The accounting classes used computers in classroom instruction also. They ran a program resembling a real work-related problem. Computers were also used in Office Specialists for word processing. The use of computers had begun its climb up the hill.

The cash register was a machine found in most area retail stores. They could also be found in the marketing classes. Students learned basics of the cash register in the classroom. Students also used play money and merchandise to perform a mock transaction.

"Because of using the cash register in class, it makes it easier to use one on the job," Lisa Bellamy offered. Typewriters were another widely used ma-

lem. The overhead projector gave teachers a more visual way to explain a subject. chine in the classroom. They were used in Journalism to complete the newspaper or the year-book copy. They were used in the teachers' classrooms, to give them close access for typing tests and worksheets.

Every morning Mrs. Elizabeth Whitaker, school secretary, was seen typing the absentee sheet and various reports. Students used the typewriter to complete term papers or book reports. Students in Office Specialists spent one week working as an employee to a teacher. These students would run errands and complete assignments for their "employers".

While students in the academic classes were using their machines, students in the vocational classes used their own type of mechanical devices.

Printing classes learned the basics of printers, picture developing, and reproducing.

Auto mechanics used a variety of machines. The car lift enabled students to have better access to the car's many parts.

The computerized wheel equalizer made a more accurate judgement for each different type of car.

Machines became a large part of classroom instruction and gave students a practical application.

SIGHT-SEEING — Sights of the city were on the agenda for band members on their field trip to New Orleans. Mrs. Julia Johnson, a chaperone, and Christy Nelson, Leslie Wheeler and Pam Warren tour the city during a break

NEW ORLEANS BOUND — Bekki Webb and Torr Coulthard, Wade Hamilton and Brian Lewis, and Jody Bray and Jimmy Donahue settle down for the long bus ride to attend the Mardi Gras celebration. The Big Orange Band performed in the massive parade at the event and earned the top award as "Best Band in Dixie".







TAKING OVER — Emmett Bane, Cindy Smith, Kris Cunningham, Steve Smith, and Mandy Steele perform their "civic duty" for one day. Advanced government students took on the roles of city councilmen to learn the inner-workings of city government.

STANDING PROUD — Lisa Boyd beams after winning a trophy in the special olympics bowling tournament at Princeton, West Virginia. The students enjoyed several field trips competing in the special olympics.









Down the street to City Hall or down South to New Orleans, field trips are a change of

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Going out of town or visiting a college for a seminar, or even vsiting local businesses proved to be an exciting thing away from school for the students, and it was all legal. Field trips were designed to reinforce what was learned in the classrooms and gave students an opportunity to see and hear about what they had learned studyina. There were several classes that enriched their studies with field trips.

Advanced Government students participated in Youth in Government Day in November. Sponsored by the Downtown Bristol Optimist Club for the third year, this day gave young people an opportunity to learn first hand about selected city government positions. Activities for the day included a mock city council meeting, meetings between each student official and his counterpart in the city government, and a luncheon with the members of the Optimist Club.

Steve Smith was mayor for the day and Emmett Bane was the vice mayor. Charlie Dye, Robin Herron, and Cindy Smith were the other members of the council. Serving in appointive positions were Mandi Steele, city manager; Robin Sprouse, city attorney; Bobby Tipton,

BREAK TIME - Resa Blackburn, Mrs. Clemmer Ann Allen, sponsor, and Patty Necessary stop for a snack at Arby's before a day of competition at a district

ningham, city clerk; Kim Ramey, police chief; and Lisa Tilley, fire chief.

Cathy Lawson, Michelle Widener, Tracy Stevens, Angie Eades, and Resa Blackburn were "concerned citizens" with complaints to present to the council members. Steve Smith remarked, "this event was one of the most demanding challenges that I have ever had placed before me yet, I benefited greatly from it and would gladly do it again.

Bringing home a sixfoot banner declaring them "Best Band in Dixie" plus a check for \$300 was the highlight for a field trip by the Big Orange Band members. They competed at the Mardi Gras Celebration in New Orleans in February and were named the number one band at the event.

Field trips by art students gave them an opportunity to view art displays, visit museums, attend workshops and see applications of ideas studied in the classroom.

The vocational students took a variety of field trips which included visiting local businesses and competing in area contests.

Journalism students attended workshops at the University of Virginia and the Southern Interscholas-

DECA event. Vocational students took field trips for various competitive occasions on the local, state and national levels.

city engineer; Kris Cun- tic Press Association's convention. At these workshops they were able to attend classes taught by experts in the field of journalism and meet with students from other schools to exchange ideas to help improve their own publica-

> Foreign language students attended Language Day at East Tennessee State University where they competed in various events designed to measure their knowledge of Latin, Spanish and French.

> Mrs. Catherine Parker's, Mrs. Rachel Morrison's and Mr. Bob Taylor's students were involved in several field trips that ranged from outings to participating in the Special Olympics.

> During the month of May these students visited the Biltmore House in Asheville, NC and May 24 they enjoyed their annual fun trip to camp Waldo

Competing in the olympics were Rocky West, Andy Gardner, Matthew Bright, Lisa Boyd, Lowell Brown, Broderick McCurdy and Lorie Black.

Mrs. Parker's students went to the "Collingwood Cutters" Beauty Shop for a free hair cut and lecture on proper hair care by Cassie Branson, a 1983 graduate.

A variety of classes from art to band to drama, as well as various contests provide outlets for talented

#### **XPRESSIONS**

Most people will agree that there is something original in everyone. This may range from a simple ability to write a short poem or, for some, the ambition to climb a high mountain or some other grueling feat.

Student talent was measured in the fields of art, music and drama along with physical contests in sports or skill events in vocational levels

The annual Spring Festival was an event that let the students share their talent with others. Dancing, singing, acting, playing musical instruments and knowing how to work the lights and build sets were some of the special talents the students possessed.

Art students used their imagination and ideas in

their creations for projects and contests. Art instructor Mrs. Cheryl Wilhoit explained that these contests were "a good way to exhibit individual expression. I work with each student on his project individually. It is a good way to nurture individual creativity and is worthwhile even though it does take away from class instruction because of the steps involved in preparing for competition.

In the Cultural Arts Contest sponsored by the PTA Reflections Program and promoted locally by the Bristol, Virginia PTA Council, awards were handed to the students. The theme of the contest was "What Sparks My Imagination."

In art — the pastels first place winner was Cam

Azbill, tempera — Kevin Adams, Chalk — Jean Boggs, and watercolor — Pete Green.

In photography — Phillip Eades, Amy Cheng, and Cindy Wright captured the first place awards.

In the literary category, the first place award was presented to LIe Rivello. Students were recognized for their creativity in all categories.

Musicians were certainly a talented people. A large portion of the students enjoyed taking the different electives of music. Christi Jones (soprano) and Donald Hill (tenor) were chosen for all-state chorus. "Regionals was worth the trip in the snow. All-state was in Manassas, and it was great!" exclaimed Christi Jones.

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GOING FOR THE GOLD — As the band performs at the South-eastern Band Festival, all eyes are on the trophies that will be awarded in each classification. This is one of several competitions in which the band participated.

FLATFOOTING — Annarena Belcher is performing in front of the students at an assembly program. The assembly was a climax of the English classes' study in story-telling.





JAM ON IT — L.R. Pierce and Leroy Worley are getting their materials together before working. Stage props were being built for the upcoming Spring Festival.

ON DISPLAY — Cindy Wright, president of the Photography Club, looks at her pictures that received first place in the PTA

Cultural Arts Contest. The contest provided an opportunity to display students' talents.

DID SOMEONE SAY PARTY? Band members relax after performing as the Greatest Band in Dixie. This was not an unusual sight to be seen after the seven-mile parade.

IS THIS WHERE IT GOES? Senior Mark Faust works hard repairing a carburetor. This is one of the many skills taught in auto mechanics

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The band performed in New Orleans at the Mardi Gras and was chosen as "The Greatest Band in Dixie."

"The word to sum up the whole year was GREAT! The most important thing that has happened in my eight years of band was going to New Orleans and winning! I could never describe the feeling I got knowing that we won over some of the best bands in the country. The parade route was full of interesting people and it was very exciting. Band has really been an inspiration and I will really miss it when I graduate this year," explained senior Vickie Whitaker.

"New Orleans was an absolute blast. I had the best time of my entire life. There was so much excitement in the air," expressed junior Tonnie Tabor.

After football season had ended the band began concert season. "Tryouts for symphonic and concert band was usually a lot of stress and pressure was on the individual student; but it created a challenge," said junior April Newton.

"Drama students en-

joyed doing the one-act play 'The Brick and the Rose,' " according to director Rick Watson. The cast consisted of Vanessa Hagy, Mark West, Shannon Marshall, Jerome Eldreth, Patrik Svensson, Angela Snodgrass, Mona Sledge, Mark Royston, Heather Gaskill and Kristi Mitchell. They went to District Competition and received a Distinguished Participant Certificate and the right to proceed on in the competition at the regional level at Abingdon where they received a participant certificate for their performance.

Mr. Watson, who taught exploratory drama was aided by Mrs. Gail Kitchens who had sets built and organized the district competition at VHS. "She and her students provided constant support and advice to me in a very trying time," he said.

Talent was not hard to find in students who "reached for the stars" and showed the world they not only found satisfaction in themselves, but inspired others who enjoyed their talents.

CAREFUL PROCEDURE — Timmy Dutton carefully brazes the metal. Skills learned in classes such as welding enabled the students to prepare for a vocation.







STEADY — Senior Mark Worley completes a drawing in art class. Talented art students' work was displayed throughout the school and at several area locations for art shows and contests.

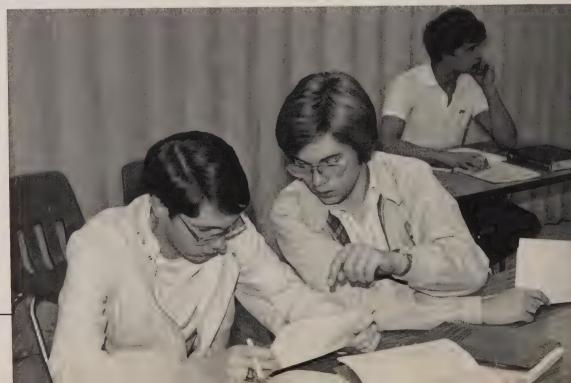


LA/LA/LA/Choir students give a Christmas concert at a local church. The chorale groups were often in demand for appearances at churches and for civic organizations.



DID YOU GET THIS ONE? Junior Torr Coulthard and senior Bekki Webb spend spare time in the bandroom helping each other with homework. Homework was required in most classes as a check on the day's work before advancing to the next step.

THIS WILL BE ON TEST — Seniors Darryl Milligan and Scotty Frazier review work before a test by checking a homework assignment. Although students disliked homework as a rule, they admitted it reinforced the understanding of material taught.



Succumbing to or abandoning a ball game, a favorite TV show or even dinner, students find ways to endure or avoid homework's

# ong, hard hours

Everything was set books, pencils, pens, and just the right music. Still something was wrong; maybe it was the party invitation received at school today. It would have been great to have been able to go, but homework came first.

Homework was a big part of everyday life, but in most opinions it was a real drag. Donnie Hoss confessed, "I have to say, homework is not one of my favorite things." Kelly Paiano replied, "home work helps me, but sometimes it comes up at the wrong time." There was definitely two different opinions on homework, either it was liked or disliked. Homework was a

big part in making good grades. One math teacher replied, "I grade homework based on the percent attempted whether right or wrong." Another teacher reported, "I feel homework is important if it is used as a review for a test, but homework should never be given in such quantities as to cause a student stress."

Whatever reason homework was assigned, there was one thing for sure, it was given.

The Bristol Virginia School System viewed homework as a vital part of academic study for students as a means to expand and master material introduced in the regular classroom setting. Most teachers agreed that homework should not be used for disciplinary purposes, but should be used as reinforcement and as an extension of the classroom process.

A committee was appointed to update the homework policy for the entire system. Guidelines for this study stated that homework was essential to the educational development of every student and that the quality of homework assignments should take precedence over the quantity of assignments.

Some students groaned when considering homework, but others realized it was a necessity for better learning.



ALMOST FINISHED — Senior Bea Mitchell takes time out of her lunch period to complete unfinished homework. The library was open at lunch for students to catch up on assignments.

Involvement in many facets of community service has, not surprisingly, good

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Several classes were involved with community projects. The Health Occupations students. HOSA worked in conjunction with the Bristol Memorial Hospital Blood Bank, sponsored the blood donation drive.

To have been eligible to give blood, one had to be at least 17, weigh at least 110, be generally healthy, and have signed parental or guardian permission. HOSA students collected and distributed permission slips during lunch in the cafeteria before the blood drive.

The whole procedure took about 30 minutes. It took five to ten minutes for the actual blood donation, and the students were given liquid to replace fluids and a few minutes to rest.

There were refreshments and gift certificates from area business for donors. There were also drawings for prizes.

The donor became a member of the blood bank for one year which entitled him and any member of his family to receive blood at no cost if the need should arise.

Some other classes performed for the community like the choral department's concerts that were given throughout the year. Other courses offered the students the

opportunity to work for or work with the community. Marketing gave students a chance to work at certain jobs while they received credits for it. Cosmotology students learned about the field of cosmotology while also giving hair cuts to the other students and people in the community.

Electricity and Building Trades students built a house which they sold in the community. Printing made calendars and schedules for all the school activities and other projects for the community.

Art and Home Economics classes took classroom projects to the area nursing homes and vocational students were placed into jobs in the community to help them train for the future vocations.

One of the more involved community projects was the mock trial presented in an assembly program May 3 by the Advanced Government students. For three weeks four local attorneys, Pete Curcio, Bob Ward, Ed Stout and Kurt Pomrnke, worked with the students to prepare the case.

On the day of the "trial", faculty members Lowell Sluss, Frank Mitchell, Catherine Parker, Sue Cressel and Rick Watson joined Bristol, Virginia police officers Tim Barker and Andy Kristofek along with detective investigator Sam McVey as principals in the trial. John Keefer, a local attorney, presided as judge.

Government students presented the case as attorneys for the defense and the prosecution and a jury was selected from the audience. Curcio, a member of the Bristol, Virginia Bar Association, was chairman of the Law Day Committee, sponsor of the event.

Students benefitted from the business community's direct involvement with Junior Achievement, whose active participation resulted in a better understanding of the school's educational climate and helped improve community relations.

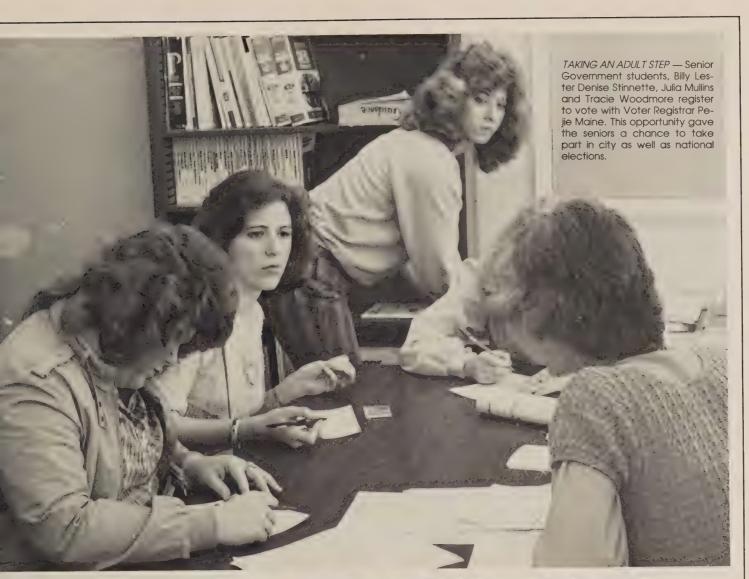
Junior Achievement strived to help students develop self-confidence, acquire leadership skills, discover career opportunities, apply principles learned in the classoom to actual experiences and to win scholarships and awards.

At its annual banquet recognizing the students in May, senior Lisa Bellamy was cited as the first four-year achiever and junior Bart Hill's "company" was company of the year.

HOLD STILL — Missy Swiney styles Sandy Shaw's hair to her satisfaction. Cosmetology students provided their services to the community in exchange for practical application.











TO THE DRAWING BOARD -Senior Jarvis Offield sketches his ideas for the house that was a project for vocational classes. As part of community development, drafting students designed the plans for the house which was built by the Building Trades class.

BE CAREFUL — Ricky Boonjaras and Jeff Jones lay a composite wall of brick and block for masonary training in Building Trades. These skills were put to good use in the class project, the actual building of a house in the community.

In order to deal with complicated schedules, academic questions, or advice, faculty and students had to learn to be good

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o matter what the problem, there was always someone around that could offer advice on how to solve it. All a student had to do was figure out which source to turn to.

The one outlet for advice that was prepared and willing to help in more ways than solve problems was the guidance office. Counselors in the department were always willing to lend an ear to problems, whether they were concerning schedules, friends, college, career or personal problems.

The guidance department spent a great deal of the second semester in recommending courses for underclassmen to take for the upcoming year. Every student was given individual attention to determine which classes would suit his needs best.

The guidance department also had to differentiate which type of diploma a senior would receive, according to the amount of credits he had earned. Grade point averages also had to be determined in order to send to the student's choice of colleges.

What most students associated the guidance department with was college information and sponsoring College Day was a major project for the department. Even throughout the year, a student could obtain information on colleges and scholarships, as well as get applications and ACT and SAT forms.

Another way for students to receive guidance was through college representatives that visited the school throughout the year. A representative provided information concerning careers and degrees that could be obtained at that particular college.

Many teachers were also a valuable source of information. They offered extra help on assignments to students who were willing to stay after school. Concerned coaches sometimes acted as if

team members were their own family. Members were given pointers on how to improve in their sport, nutritional tips and grade requirements to live up to.

Another common source of guidance was from friend to friend. Close friends shared the agonies of student teachers and hard tests and helped each other by suggesting study tips. One could always turn to a friend to gain solace or advice concerning a broken relationship or another problem.

Yes, guidance was available to students in many forms. But whatever shape it came in, one thing was sure: guidance of some form was inescapable!

TABLE TALK — Susan Sikora and Tonnie Moretz engage in a conversation while taking a break from Beta Club activities. Beta Club members sponsored an alumni room which contained old yearbooks and newspapers and information on additions to the school.







INSTRUCTION — Mrs. Betty Morton and Amy Geiger receive advice on putting the yearbook together from Jostens respresentative Dan Boring. The staff relied on the expert opinion of the company representative.







HELP — John Brown and Matt Chandler get their schedules approved by guidance counselors Mrs. Sara Davis and Dr. Bobby Burchette. The guidance office aided students by helping them choose their classes.

SHOCK — Mr. Lynn Taylor instructs Danny Tabor and Jacque Adams in checking an appliance tester. Many students turned to their teachers for guidance in classes. Though difficult and sometimes frustrating, honor courses give incentives for

# est effort

Advanced Placement (AP) courses were a program of college-level courses for secondary school students.

According to guidance counselor Sara Davis, "The curriculum of the AP course is challenging and requires more effort and homework on the part of the student than a regular high school course.

"It gives greater opportunity for individual progress and accomplishment, goes into greater depth with the academic material of each individual course, and students develop critical thinkingskills, fluid writing abilities, problem-solving skills, and expertise in absorbing masses of material."

The final exam for the AP classes was the College Board's AP Exam given in May each year. If the score was high enough, college credit could be received.

Honors level classes were more advanced than the average classes and taught on a college level. The students learned to deal with strenuous academic settings and ultimately achieved at higher levels than the average, ex-

plained Mrs. Davis.

Senior Emmett Bane explained why he was involved in honor classes: "I guess my interest in the math and science fields generated my initiative in the AP program. I didn't have much confidence in myself to be taking Physics, Calculus, etc., but after much encouragement from guidance counselors, parents and teachers, I found myself sitting in those classrooms. I think being a student in the AP program will ultimately give me the edge throughout my college education. I believe we have one of, if not the best AP program in this area, with well-qualified teachers and curriculum."

AP and Honors Classes were given a weighted scale for grade point average. They were figured on a 5.0 scale, whereas, the regular classes were on a 4.0 scale.

Honors courses included the ninth and tenth level Gifted and Talented program, Trigonometry and Advanced Algebra, Analytical Geometry and Calculus, Physics I, Biology II, Chemistry II, AP English

11 and 12, AP US/VA History, Advanced US/VA Government, and the fourth and fifth years of French, Latin and Spanish. Art V was also an honors course if the student submitted a portfolio to College Boards for AP credit.

Senior Stephen Smith said, "As I look now in retrospect of my four years, I truly realize that my education would have been incomplete had the AP program not been in existence.

'These classes rate as the most difficult because of the demands of the criteria and the instructors. These classes awarded me with an additional quality point, but it was well-deserved and compensated for in view of the additional work and responsibility. Because these classes can offer college credit, they are taught on a collegiate level with collegiate standards

"I feel my greatest benefit from the program has been the exposure to collegiate study and scholastics. I would not begin to consider entering V.P.I.'s College of Engineering without this preparation."







LAB TESTED, STUDENT AP-PROVED: Seniors Charlie Dye and Walter Dannhardt record their results of a lab experiment. Lab experiments along with teacher instructions give the students a more tangable understanding of Chemistry II.

THE END — Sophomore Michelle Barron receives a prize from Mrs. Doris Booth for reading the most novels during the Virginia Reading Month contest sponsored by M. Booth's G/T English class. Barron read 49 novels in the month of December.









LAST-MINUTE DETAILS - Senior Emmett Bane listens for instructions from government teacher Miss Sue Shaw on his role as

vice-mayor during Youth Government Day. This was one of the projects of the Advanced Government class.

LISTEN CAREFULLY — Senior Cindy Smith observes Mrs. Martha Harenberg while she reviews the muscles of the cat. This was one of the many projects performed in the Biology II class.

MAKING PLANS - Dr. Bob Burchette discusses summer plans with Governor's School candidate Suzanne Corley along with Boys' State representative Matt Thiel, alternate Wade Hamilton and Girls' State representative Cindy Campbell. These students were selected to go to the gifted summer programs for their academic and leadership qualifications.

By becoming city officials, lawyers or characters in plays, students gain true-to-life

# xperience

Pretending to be something you are not was not always acceptable, but when it helped in a learning situation, it was perfectly okay. Students became mayors, councilmen and city employees (for a day) in government classes. Journalism students became celebrities who visited the class for interviews, and drama students took on many character parts in their studies.

"Youth in Government Day," which was sponsored by the Downtown Optimist Club, took place November 15. The event gave the Senior Advanced Placement Government class a better understanding of the government process on the local level. These same students presented a mock trial to the student body May 3. Working with local attorneys and law enforcement officers, the enactment of the mock trial gave the students an insight into

the workings of the judicial system.

Students in the drama class were exposed to a variety of role playing and acting techniques. They read a number of plays from various literary periods starting with Greek drama and ending with 20th century drama.

Oral Expressions class covered all forms of public address. Students learned to do interpretative readings, public speaking, impromptu speaking, extemporaneous speaking and readers' theatre. Students participated in several competitions including VHSL forensic tournament, ETSU Seven States Invitational Tournament and more.

Role Playing in the Drama classes provided the students with a "variety of valuable experiences that were applicable to both acting and real-life situations," explained instructor Rick Watson.

"In acting, the role

playing allows the student to become another character and develop the mannerism and personality of someone totally different from the real person. The benefit to the students is that they learn to accept the ideas of other people and incorporate these into their own conciousness.

"In addition, role playing allows students to experience behaviors and views of other people that play an important part in the students' life.

"These people may include parents, teachers and other adult role models in the community, The student, by playing these roles, gains valuable insight into the problems and joys experienced by these adults. Furthermore, role playing situations can be created that give the student information about dealing with situations they may encounter in their future, Watson concluded.







STORY TELLING — Lisa Davis and Keith Childress portray characters in "Jack and the Northwest Wind" at the Bristol Mall. Students in Mr. Randy White's CP English Class supplimented their study in Story Telling by performing for the public at the mall.

CHRISTY VISITS? Tracy Stevens, portraying model Christy Brinkley, answers questions from reporters Brad Bullock and Gordan Blevins. Students in Journalism I took turns pretending to be celebrities for class interviews during their study of feature writing.





READY? Mr. Rick Watson instructs drama students on one of the many plays they performed. The drama classes interpretation in character portrayal was very extensive.

EXPERIENCE — Students from the Advanced Placement Government class discuss the issues during "Youth in Government Day." Claiming city positions at the court house are Vice-Mayor Emmett Bane, Councilwoman Cindy Smith, City Clerk Kris

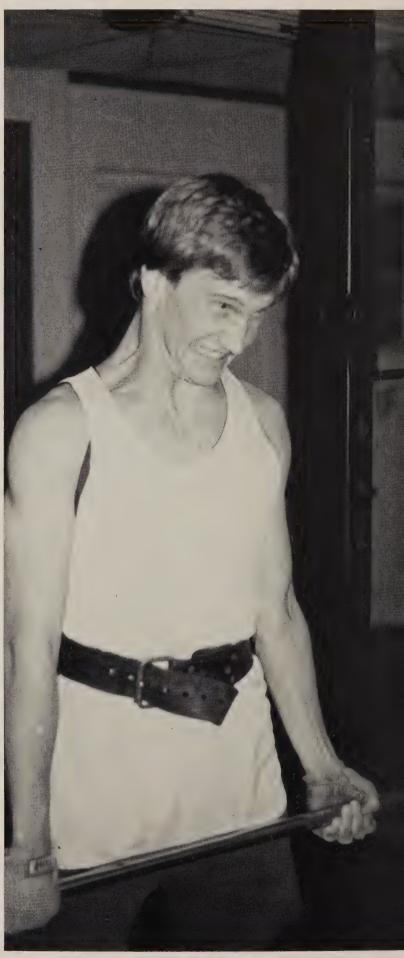
Cunningham, Mayor Steve Smith, Councilman Charlie Dye, Councilwoman Robin Herron, and City Attorney Robin Sprouse. The activity was sponsored by the Optimist Club, and was the third year for the event. ONWARD MARCH — The band works hard at band camp during the summer to prepare its field show. This was a week that the band members had to themselves to work hard on their coordinates and routines.

NO PAIN, NO GAIN!!! Junior Tommy Hyatt works hard to lift the weights. Weight Lab was established to help the members of many sport teams.



WE'RE NEXT — Sophomores Stacey Wampler and Anthony Campbell wait their turn to dunk the basketball. This is one of the many activities in which physical education students participated.





Whoosh — Sophomore Johnny Worley leaps through the air after jumping on the trampoline for two points. This was one thing that the students were allowed to attempt.

Health classes, weight lab, gym and that dreaded Physical Fitness Test keep students

# eeling fit



One, two, three, four, and five. This counting was usually heard when working out to stay fit. The first thing that came to mind when talking about feeling was Physical Education. This was a class designed to improve physical ability; one of the many ways of doing this was by achieving physical fitness.

Physical fitness tests were given to all students in phys-ed classes and took about one week to complete. This was a test of flexing, running, and stopping ability. Sophomore Gail Trump had this to say about the six hundred yard dash, "It is very tiring job, but after com-

pleting the 600 you feel like you can do anything."

Another way to feel fit was through weight lab. Weight lab was class where athletes tried to stay in shape. In weight lab they lifted weights, ran, and stretched. The football players thought weight lab was helpful during football season. Mark Bentley commented, "I enjoy having a weight lab class because it keeps me in shape after football season is over." One of the great things about weight lab was that the coaches worked out as hard as the students and they also supervised and spotted the

PLEASE!!! Sophomore Sherri Foust checks out her average in Physical Education with Coach Bill Halstead. Students were required to complete two years of Physical Education and Health as mandated by the State Department of Education.

students.

Swimming was another way to stay fit. Students were required to have at least nine weeks of swimming in freshman and sophomore phys-ed class. In swimming they learned survival techniques, dives or just learned the basics to swimming. Jimmy Barker commented, "I like swimming a lot; it is a change from the gym."

Whether in physical education, weight lab, swimming or something as strenuous as marching for hours on the field during band practice, there were many ways students stayed in shape and continued to feel fit.



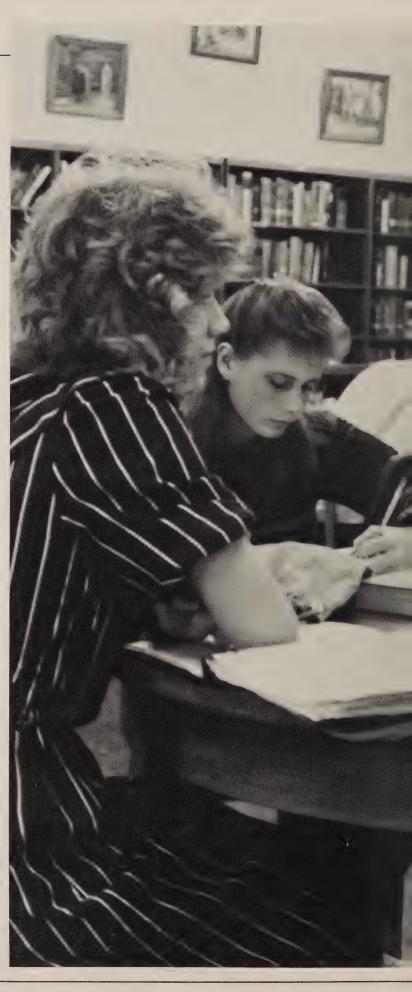
READY TO GO — Molly Boyle, a frequent substitute in P.E. and health classes, prepares to show a video tape. The library kept quite a collection of taped shows on a wide range of topics.

GETTING THE FACTS — Sophomores Sherry Ferguson and Christine Hart use the library's resources to work on their term papers for Mrs. Patsy Dutton's English class. Students had not only conventional resources but the DIALOG computer information system as well.





SO MUCH TO DO — Mrs. Dee Halstead converses with junior Matt Shy while performing one of the many library functions that required use of the computer. The computer was in some way involved with almost every school function, ranging from research to keeping baseball records.



In areas from video recording to a DIALOG computer program, the media center expands in

## directions

For the media center, branching off in new directions meant not only expanding the inventory of written material, but also reaching out to different countries for new information.

As plans for expanding the library area were in the making, expansion of its resources was already underway. In addition to the usual purchase of new books, the media center spent more than \$1000 on periodicals, according to Mrs. Millie Saunders. More and more back issues were also being preserved in the increasing collection of micro-film.

To further extend the students' available resources, the DIALOG information retrieval system was added to the already growing computer program. According to librarian James Barrett, this system made it possible to gather data from more than 180 data bases in

this country as well as oth-

The media center was also home base for the issuing of all media-related equipment such as film projectors, VCR's and record players, to name a few. The fastest growing area of this aspect of the library's services was, as one might expect, video recording. The librarians taped more television programs this year than ever before, so an extensive collection of tapes

was available for teachers to show in their classrooms. The English teachers, noted Mr. Barrett, seemed to utilize this source the most.

Obviously, expansion was a high priority for those involved with the media center's destiny. But why? Mrs. Saunders summed up the reasons in saying, "We are trying to get the students to be aware of what we have to offer and that we are trying to offer them more."

GETTING ORGANIZED - Mrs. Millie Saunders adds cards for new books, films and tapes to the card catalog. In addition to these research aids, more than \$1000 was spent for periodicals that helped to expand the research capacity of the media



A welcome break from monotony of homework, projects incite students to

### articipate

When teachers assigned projects to their classes, they usually got a disappointing response from their students, but there were also some projects that the students enjoyed.

Earth Science teacher Mrs. Joan Minnick assigned her classes to construct a constellation box to view various constellations seen in the sky. The students drew their patterns from star charts and books and then punched the star positions in the black pages. When placed in the viewer box, the constellation appeared as if it was the nighttime sky. They learned to identify some of the more familiar constellations, and U.S. History teacher Miss Irene Brown assigned her classes various topics to choose from the American Revolutionary period to write an essay for the Fort Chiswell chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution essay contest. W.H. "Chip" Helton won the essay on the topic "The Lady with the Lamp." Jonathon Edwards' "My Ancestors in the Revolution" and Kim Pierce's "Freedom Shines" were

selected as the most original and most creative posters.

Miss Sue Shaw's Advanced Government students participated in "Youth in Government Day" Thursday, November 15. Sponsored by the Downtown Bristol Optimist Club for the third year, that day gave youth an opportunity to learn firsthand about selected city government positions. Activities for the day included a mock city council meeting, meetings between each student official and his counterpart in the city government, and luncheon with the members of the Optimist Club.

Steve Smith was mayor for the day and Emmett Bane was the vice-mayor, Charlie Dve, Robin Herron and Cindy Smith were the other members of the Council. Serving in appointive positions were Mandi Steele, city manager; Robin Sprouse, city attorney; Bobby Tipton, city engineer; Kris Cunningham, city clerk; Kim Ramey, police chief; Lisa Tilley, fire chief; Cathy Lawson, Michelle Widener, Tracy Stevens, Angie Eades and Resa Blackburn were "concerned citizens" with complaints to present to the council members.

Smith remarked, "This event was one of the most demanding challenges that I have ever had placed before me; yet, I benefited greatly from it and would gladly do it again."

Mrs. Wanda Bays' Geometry class made geometric solids such as tetanhedrons, octahedrons, icoshedron, hexahedron, dedcahedronhedron, and "Ufo".

Mrs. Mildred Copenhaver's Art classes did projects for various competitions, one of which was the "Alcoholic Awareness Poster Contest," to promote public awareness against teenage drinking and driving. Darryl Milligan won first place, Pete Green won second, and Kim Pierce won third, Milligan was Honorable Mention for the Grand Prize. Art projects also included displays for school events as well as cover designs for programs.

Academic and vocational classes provided opportunities for students to express creativity via challenging projects.





CLEAN UP TIME — Jon Pruner, Kevin Davis, Carla Sansing and Christy Hall clean up their mountain models after making contour lines and typographical maps. Students enjoyed projects such as this in Earth Science.

ANCIENT TECHNIQUE — Jonathon Edwards gets a bit of advice from fellow classmate Hope Thomas, Students did encaustic portraits, an ancient technique, at workship sponsored by the Bristol chapter of the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts.







EXCELLENT PHOTOS — Amy Cheng admires the photography exhibition for "What Sparks My Imagination," a contest sponsored by the PTA. Cindy Wright was top photography winner in the contest.

LET'S MOVE THIS THERE! Don Sanderson checks a stage prop while Candy Price mixes the paint and Paul Carter finishes his project. Students in Gail Kitchen's Stage Technology class were responsible for props for the Spring Festival.

With changes in curriculum, faculty, credit requirements, students face a new

#### erspective

Changes were evident in nearly all phases of student life. From state mandated diploma changes to academic policies adopted by the school board, students were affected.

A General Studies Diploma with a minimum of 20 credits and an Advanced Studies Diploma with a required 22 credits was available for the 1985-1987 graduates. The new general diploma stipulated that a student took an extra year of math and science.

The Advanced Studies diploma required three years of science, three years of math and three years of one foreign language or two years of two languages.

Guidance Counselor Dr. Bob Burchette explained, "The Advanced Studies Diploma is seen as being very important for acceptance into a major college." He added that the diploma "will be recognized nationwide."

Other students found that the stricter requirements made them alter their schedules to compensate for the changes. Junior Todd Jackson said, "I had to pick up another year of a language I would not have ordinarily taken, but I think it will help me in the long run."

Other changes involved faculty additions, renovations to the guidance and administrative suites, and a major landscaping effort.

For the freshmen, there were major changes also with their new environment. Senior foreign exchange students Patrik Svensson and Marjut Nuoriaho were impressed with the differences from their native Sweden.

New courses were offered beginning with first semester. Fashion Merchandising was a school and community based program with a specialized curriculum which enabled students to prepare for careers in fashion industry. According to Mrs. Clemmer Ann Allen, "Fashion Merchandising is an excellent opportunity for fashion-oriented students to pursue their career interest."

A state requirement caused the addition of a new science course. Earth science, a branch of science that deals with the study of the earth, its past history and its processes, was added to the curriculum. According to one of the instructors, Mrs. Joan Minick, the students studied astronomy, meterology, geology and oceanography.

In addition to new Athletic Director Eddie Dutton and football coach Paul Wheeler, five teachers were added to the faculty: Richard Watson, Mrs. Patsy Dutton, Mrs. Joan Minnick, Miss Melba Hayter, and Mrs. Sue Cressel.

DISCUSSING OPTIONS — Freshman Mike Rouse gets information from guidance counselor Sara Davis before scheduling his sophomore classes. The new requirements for graduation gave several options for a diploma.

LOOK AT THIS — Kelli Walker and Randy Blevins check out one of the computer games after finishing an assignment. The new equipment was purchased for Business Computer Applications class.

NEW FACILITY — Taking advantage of the new equipment installed in teacher's resource center is Mrs. Lynette Lusk who was transferred from the School Board Office to work on programs utilizing the additional computers. The Resource Center was located in the newly renovated administrative offices.















NEW ADDITION — Mrs. Sue Cressel, a registered nurse who took over the Health Occupations classes, goes over forms with Paula Booher. Cressel joined four other new faculty members.

BIG CHANGE — Patrik Svensson and Marjut Nuoriaho exchange views about their day's events. From Sweden, the two were members of the senior class through the American-Scandinavian Student Exchange program.

Going beyond the fine arts, students find more subjects can spark their

#### reativity

"Creativity to me is doing things in a different
and imaginative way."
That was how senior Trevor Mathes summed up
the word. Creativity in
academics was a major
factor in enjoying education. It was a way to overcome the long, dull
schedule students must
follow daily.

Whether it was in an individual's work or wit, creativity influenced and produced potential. In courses such as art, English, chemistry, data pro-

cessing, and stage management, this ingenuity was most widely displayed. Pupils have the opportunity to create, using their knowledge and skill. Art student Mark Bentley commented, "I really like being able to spend some of my school time inventing on my own." Thus, creativity was evident from bulletin boards to writing, and labs to computer manipulation.

It was fair to say that without insight and intu-

ition from one another that the days would have been much longer. Senior Randy Campbell added, "Humor and making up new things helped me cope with the everyday problems of school."

All in all, high school life would not survive without products of our minds and imaginations. From publishing the newspaper and the yearbook to preparing a variety of assignments, creativity was alive and well.

HARD AT WORK — Don Sanderson, Paul Carter and Candy Price build a set in Stage Management. The class required the students to create using their own ideas.







INVOLVED — Several art students work dilligently in their craft. Creativity was the base for most of their activities.





BRAINSTORM — Mrs. Wanda Bays aids junior Becky Jackson with her math project. Teachers gave their pupils freedom to produce projects through creativity.

FINISHING TOUCHES — Senior Darryl Milligan creates his version of a hall bulletin board. The boards helped brighten the atmosphere with ingenuity.

**ELECTRICITY** — Sophomore Chris Turner works hard getting every wire in its right place. Electricity was offered to all students 10-12 who were interested in learning how to be an electrician.







In competitions ranging from drama to marketing, students find a way to channel their

#### bilities

What is winning? Is it the reward one receives or the good feeling a person gets when he or she has given a best effort? Each person has his own idea, but senior Jeff Shelton commented, "Winning means a lot to a person who gives one hundred and ten percent or those who have the competitive edge."

Many times teachers put in extra hours of hard work along with the students. "When we had to give up extra time at night or on weekends to prepare a competition or complete a project, it was nice that the teachers were willing to work as hard as we did," said Cindy Campbell, feature editor of the newspaper.

Drama students, directed by Mr. Rick Watson, received a Distinguished participation certificate and the right to proceed

in the competition at the regional level in December. With their presentation of "The Brick and the Rose," the cast received a participant certificate for performing in the regional competi-

The Choral Department, headed by Director Mrs. Diane Thomas, had many students to receive honors in the Senior and Junior High All-Regional Chorus, Christi Jones, Carolyn Waldo, Beth Loudy, and Dori Collins were selected from the Senior High Mixed Chorus along with Donald Hill, Brian Hileman, Todd Hare, Matt Shy, Trini Charlton, and Chris Shearin from the men's section.

Junior High All-Regional Chorus participants consisted of Karen Tilly, Sherry Mullins, Jennifer Utt, Delores Salyer, Lisa Carrier, Scotty Branson, Charles

Whitaker, Chris Crockett, and Anthony Lawson.

Mrs. Carolyn Williams had thirteen students to take the National Spanish Examination. They were Natasha Deaton, Jim Horton, Cathy Lawson, Michele Widener, Chandra Ables, Jill Boothe, Diana Davis, Tara Fuller, Kristi Hall, Becky Lewis, Robin Quillin, Cody Miller, and Rena Carter. The examination is given nationwide to recognize outstanding students of Spanish.

At the ETSU Foreign Language Festival, Jerry Jackson received a second place finish for his oil painting "Paisaje de Mexico"

Latin students of Miss Robin Bowery attended the Language Day Competition at ETSU, and had several winners in the contests. Among them Jeff Shelton and Bobby

ALL SMILES - Senior Daina Odum accepts a medal from DE instructor Clemmer Allen. All students enjoyed the excitement of getting an award for something they have done well.







FINISHING TOUCHES — Juniors Stephen Leonard and Shelley Epling add finishing touches on the day before an art show. These students and many others participated in several art shows.

THRILL OF VICTORY — Lowell Brown, Andy Gardner, Rocky West, Broderick McCurdy, Matt Bright and Lisa Boyd were winners in Special Olympics bowling. The competition was held at Princeton, West Virginia March 16.

WORKING HARD — Sophomore Butch Allen gains hands-on experience in Auto Mechanics. Skills learned in class were valuable in district and state competitions.

WE DID IT — Seniors Robin Alvis, Kris Cunningham and Cathy Lawson show their enthusiasm over the banner naming the Big Orange Band the "Greatest Band in Dixie." After many months of hard work, the band's efforts paid off in New Orleans where it obtained a \$300 check and a trophy in addition to this prestigious title.





### Abilities

Tipton from the Latin III class with second and third place finishes. Lisa Tilly, from the Latin III class had a first place finish, and Mona Sledge, from the Latin I class was awarded a third-place. Cindy Smith finished third in the singing competition. The journalism classes taught by Mrs. Betty Morton had a very

gratifying year with both the Virginian yearbook, and the Virginian Times newspaper continuing to win top state, regional, and national honors in competition with schools all over the nation. The 1984 yearbook was named a five-star All-American yearbook by the National Scholastic Press Association and was

proclaimed a winner of the coveted Pacemaker Award which was received by only six yearbooks in the United States.

Achievements were also made by Mrs. Catherine Parker's students who received four trophies for bowling at the Special Olympics held at Princeton, West Virginia.



SAVORING VICTORY — Journalism students Lisa Chaing, Angie Eades, Amy Hill and Lisa Bellamy prepare plaques for display in the trophy case outside the guidance suite. These awards were won by both the yearbook and newspaper staffs.



I KNOW THIS ONE — Students in U.S. History raise their hands to get the teachers attention. Juniors participated in History Jeopardy to sharpen their History skills.

IS THIS RIGHT? Johnny Collins, Fred Smith, Bobby Houser and Derrick Arnold install plastic drains in the vocational house project. Skills were learned through vocational classes that helped students prepare for a future career.



WHAT'S THIS? — Fifth grade students from Thomas Jefferson Elementary visited Mrs. Edith Glover's class for Science Day. There were 14 learning centers for the students, including live speciments of plants and animals, a space center, and skeletons

Science and math classes are notorious for including in homework assignments problems whose answers require quite a bit of

#### nvestigating

Observations and calculations played an important part in the learning process for the students. In most classrooms, audio-visual equipment, as well as other devices for observation, was used at some point.

In biology classes, many filmstrips were shown describing lab techniques. The foreign language classes used the equipment frequently, and the students found that was an enjoyable way to learn about different

countries and customs.

English teachers really took advantage of the excellent equipment, and many enjoyable class periods were spent watching movies taken from famous books and plays.

Computers worked their way into the lives of the teachers who used them to find the students' averages, store information and write programs.

Chemistry classes also used the computers and worked algebraic problems on them to find physical and chemical properties of an element.

There were, of course, computer classes which were taken and enjoyed by many students. Computers became a part of every job and Virginia High had made sure that its students had become accustomed to working with them.

The librarians worked hard to build up a good collection of audiovisual aids and computers.





IT WON'T LIGHT! Valerie Wood and Krissy Cunningham work on a lab during Advanced Chemis-try. It was especially important to play close attention while performing a lab experiment.

EXPLAIN THAT AGAIN - Jon Vanover receives help from Mr. John Melvin during Drafting. This class required many hours of calculations to assure the proper measurements.



# of life

'm really sorry, but I can't go out with you tonight. I have too much to do."

Sometimes this reply may have been a weak attempt to avoid an admirer, but it was more often spoken in sincerity. Schedules were filled with countless activities, and many students found it difficult to find time for everything they wished to do.

Not only did classes and sports demand time, but projects in the community required attention as well. Organizations such as churches and Junior Achievement provided many students with a chance to become involved in local affairs.

Entertainment was also a major part of every-day life, and ways in which this free time was spent varied. Many students, such as Cindy Campbell, "had to watch my soap opera every afternoon," while others like Susan Sikora "went shopping with friends" on the weekends.

Shining through the clouded hustle of these routines were the vital signs that made each day special — signs of interest and enthusiasm in every aspect of life.



DANCE THE NIGHT AWAY — Students enjoy their aftergame entertainment at the Valentine's dance. Dances provided a reliable source of amusement on Friday nights following many football and basketball games.

WHO IS THIS GUY? Seniors Perry Hicks and Barry Webb spend their between-class time with the "Bearcat". The corner inhabited by this mascot was a popular gathering place in spare time.





Wal Signs

### Way back when

Surely no one could forget his/her high school years. Best friends running around town, goofing off, falling in love with that "special someone", wearing monogrammed sweaters, having that class ring on a chain around the neck and holding hands while walking through the halls were all memories to last a lifetime.

For some, these memories turned into permanent realities as their relationship ended in marriage after high school. But there were also rough times, too. There was homework, hard subjects, tests and occasionally poor grades. Most, however, remember the involvement in classes that eventually

led to career choices and participation in extra-curricular activities such as sports and club membership that would be cherished memories.

Mrs. Catherine Parker, special education teacher, was in the band when she attended E.C. Glass High School. She was in the flag and rifle corps and remembers that the last two weeks of summer vacation was spent marching for eight hours every day. "But it all paid off when we performed in front of the large crowds and when we received awards for our work," she said. "I remember that after band practice, we all hit the local hang-out, the pizza parlor, to listen to the latest gossip and

get our share of pizza."

Guidance Counselor Sara Davis, a graduate of Tennessee High, remembers a more "friendly atmosphere" when V-T week rolled around. "The two schools combined bonfires and pep rallies, and there was no fear of people getting hurt or other such accidents happening as they do today."

Science teacher Edith Glover, who was a student at Virginia High, compares today's activities by revealing, "to raise money, the club I belonged to gave plays and the student body was charged." She also admitted, "there were fewer absences at school and good attendance at club meet-

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Mrs. Brenda Abernathy Miss Annette Acuff Mrs. Clemmer Ann Allen Mrs. Patricia Baker Mrs. Wanda Bays

> Mrs. Doris Booth Miss Robin Bowery Mr. Michael Braswell Miss Irene Brown Mr. John Brown

Dr. Bobby Burchette Mrs. Brenda Carroll Mrs. Mildred Copenhaver Ms. Sue Cressel Mrs. Sara Davis





A CLEAN CUT — Terry Caldwell gets a "shave" at the local barber shop. In 1971, members of Caldwell's football team as well as the coaches shaved their heads for the season.

A GRAND OCCASION — Carol Propst poses for her senior prom picture with her date John Bryant in 1976. Miss Propst is a freshman English teacher.





Mrs. Delores P. Douglas Ms. Linda Duckworth Mr. Marion Dugger Mr. Edward Dutton Mrs. Patsy Dutton

Mrs. Justine B. Eades Mr. Fred Fisher Mrs. Eileen Garner Mrs. Edith Glover Mr. Bill Halstead

Mrs. Martha Harenberg Miss Melba Hayfer Miss Eloise Hite Mrs. Sonja L. Holcomb Mr. Ray L. Hooper **◄** continued

#### Way back when

ings and all sports events. There was also good spirit at all the pep rallies." Another difference was that the students had a meeting in the auditorium for plays, films and speakers quite often

English teacher Carol Propst graudated from George Rogers Clark High School in Winchester, Ky. She remembers when her Spanish teacher took them to Mexico for a study tour. Reflecting on the differences in then and now, she explained, "Although high school today is quite similar to my memories of school in the early 1970's, there are a few differences that come to mind.

"First of all, students today, in general, dress much better than we did then. Today's teenagers are much more conscious of current styles and

fashions. I grew up in the era before 'designer jeans' even existed. Earth Shoes were 'in', so were 'bell-bottoms'. The small handful of people who dared to wear Docksiders were considered weird. Both boys and girls wore their hair much longer then than now; the newer, shorter styles are really neater looking."

Furthermore, she remembered that in "the good ole days", high school students rarely had cars of their own. Today, students have cars to get to work and for other reasons, but Propst admits, "My friends and I thought it a rare treat to be able to borrow the family car for an evening."

Another difference she noticed is that students were dating at much younger ages. "Most of my friends and I didn't actually start 'dating' until we were nearly seventeen. Before that, we traveled in 'packs', usually mixed groups of anywhere from three to ten people. There didn't seem to be as much pressure to 'pair off' then as there is now''. She concluded with, "'Overall, however, the problems, the anxieties and the attitudes toward school itself were as many and varied then as they are now."

"Perhaps it would be a good idea for today's students to realize that their teachers were once students, too, and that we can identify with their times," summed up Davis who remembers one of her favorite memories as a Viking. "We were doing a V-T skit and I dressed up as a Bearcat. Little did I know then that I would eventually become one!"

Mr. Jim Jones Mr. Edward Icenhour Mrs. Gail Kitchens Mrs. Jean Lewis Mr. Joe Lilly



Mrs. Teresa Necessary
Mr. Tom Nelson
Mr. Jim Norton
Mrs. Catherine Parker
Miss Carol Propst

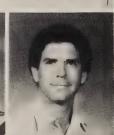




















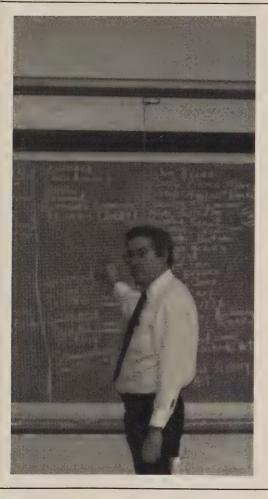












Spotlight on ...

### History teacher

alking into Room 102, one knows he is in for a few laughs as well as less pencil lead. Since 1977, Mr. Frank Mitchell has been sharing the lives and times of various historic figures with students in his World History and U.S. History courses.

Creatively blending straight facts with distinctive humor, he has earned the admiration, for the most

part, of his students and the reputation for being "hard, but listening to his lectures was a blast!" as a former student put it.

Mitchell's humor has been more than just entertaining, though. It has produced results. A majority of his U.S. History students who take the Advanced Placement Exam score four's and five's, a statistic of which he has been quite proud.

Junior Lle Rivello's opinion of Mitchell summarized the opinions of most of his students: "He is definitely an asset to the teaching staff. His method is very effective — you learn whether or not you really intend to."

ON AND ON — Adding to an unending saga, Mr. Frank Mitchell writes an outline on the board for his history classes. The two chalkboards in Mitchell's classroom were seldom, if ever, empty during the school year and summer school.



Mrs. Maxine Sams Mrs. Millie Saunders Miss Sue Shaw Mr. Lowell Sluss Mr. Kevin Sours

Mrs. Katherine Stover Mr. Lynn Taylor Mr. Robert Taylor Mrs. Diane Thomas Mr. Ray Tillery

Mr. Richard Watson Mr. Randy White Miss Nancy Whitley Mrs. Cheryl Wilhoit Mrs. Carolyn Williams





SENIORS HONORED — Seniors go through the buffet line at the annual Senior Luncheon. The luncheon, held at the Country Club, recognized seniors' achievements and presented awards and scholarships.

TABLE TALK — Seniors relax between lunch and the awards ceremony. Friendships and good times were remembered as the time for seniors to leave drew near.



GOODBYE — Mandi Steele, Scott Frazier, Tonnie Moretz and Kris Cunningham show emotion at the conclusion of the Senior Luncheon. The luncheon brought the end of school closer to reality for nearly 200 graduating seniors.

CONGRATULATIONS — Darryl Milligan accepts the award for Outstanding Art Student from PTA President Jim Geiger. Hard work by the students was recognized at the luncheon.





#### Seniors dine out

eniors who excelled in academics as well as service contributions were recognized at the Senior Luncheon at the Country Club on May 1.

The luncheon began after the class picture was made. The senior class officers opened the ceremony with a prayer and a welcome to the special guests. After a delicious meal, Cindy Smith sang the class song "You're The Inspiration" accompanied by Beth

Finally the awards presentation began. Award recipients were as follows: Michelle Widener — Best All Around Girl; Stephen Smith — Best All Around Boy, DAR Citizenship Award, Highest Average in AP Government, Outstanding Senior in Science, Highest Average in Math and the Cecil Rasnick Memorial Math award; Jeff Shelton received the Citizenship Award (Boy) and the National Scholar/Athlete Award: Mandi Steele received the Citizenship Award (Girl).

Other recipients were Amy Geiger - National Scholar/Athlete Award; Tammy Bowers — Christian Businessmen's Award and Highest Academic Average in English; Julie Mullins — Highest Average in Government and Outstanding Achievement in Business Education; Andy Kilinski — Science Achievement Award and PTA Scholarship; and Cathy Lawson — Americanism Award.

Darryl Milliaan received the Mark William Johnson Memorial Art Award and Outstanding Art Student; Keith Childress — Jim McGrady Memorial Service Award; and Cindy Smith — PTA Scholarship; Valerie Wood and Jarvis Offield were awarded the Cecil Belcher Scholarships; Sharon Smith — H.K. Breedlove Scholarship; Johnna Meadows — Business and Professional Woman's Club Scholarship; Toni Shockley — David Lipscomb College Honor Scholarship.

President's Academic Fitness Awards were presented to Tammy Bowers, Andy Kilinski, Cathy Lawson, Tonnie Moretz, Julia Mullins, Jarvis Offield, Jeff Shelton, Toni Shockley, Cindy Smith, Stephen Smith, Lisa Tilley and Bobby Tipton.

Also recognized were the Who's Who, chosen by the faculty, and the Senior Superlatives, voted by the Sen-

In a suprise movement after the awards, the popular song "We Are the World" was sung, followed by the Alma Mater.



RECOGNITION FOR ACHIEVERS — Superintendent Jack French talks with some of the students who were recognized for their achievements

They were presented with awards from various civic and service organizations.

### Getting sentimental

nce again, the premier event in one's high school life had arrived —graduation, causing many members of the Class of 1985 to begin to look in retrospect at their four years in high school. There was much reminiscing, which in turn brought laughter, joy, relief, and in many instances,

These years are deemed by many

to be the most memorable in one's life. The seniors certainly found this to be true as their high school days drew rapidly to a close. They began to recognize the irreplaceable friendships they had made, the fun they had and the goals they attained in spite of those trying moments when a term paper was due or a district championship was lost. Yes, some even admitted to having gained some knowledge in these portals.

With these memories and experiences behind them, seniors could concentrate on prospects for the future, as well as memories of the past. Senior Robin Sprouse said, "I have certainly enjoyed high school, but I am ready to move on.'

However, Jeff Shelton's comment seemed to summarize the consensus of the seniors: "I've been well-pre-pared, I think," said Shelton, "and I don't think I could forget these years regardless of my future endeavors."

SURPRISE! Senior Tracie Hennes receives a surprise from friends Tracy Stevens and Eric Adams. Parties and decorated lockers made special

memories for several seniors

MAKING PLANS — Seniors Santina Young and Michelle Harden discuss future plans with Sgt. James Rysewyk. The local Army recruiter was among many who participated in College Day.





Tammy Bowers Charles Dye Amy Geiger Andy Kilinski Cathy Lawson

Julia Mullins Jeff Shelton Steve Smith Robin Sprouse Michelle Widener























2:30 — FINALLY! Making their way to their lockers after the 2:30 p.m. bell, Seniors Beth Loudy and Paula Holmes take a detour around Eric Sikorski

and Michelle Wampler, Two-thirty was just half-way for those who were involved in after-school activities.

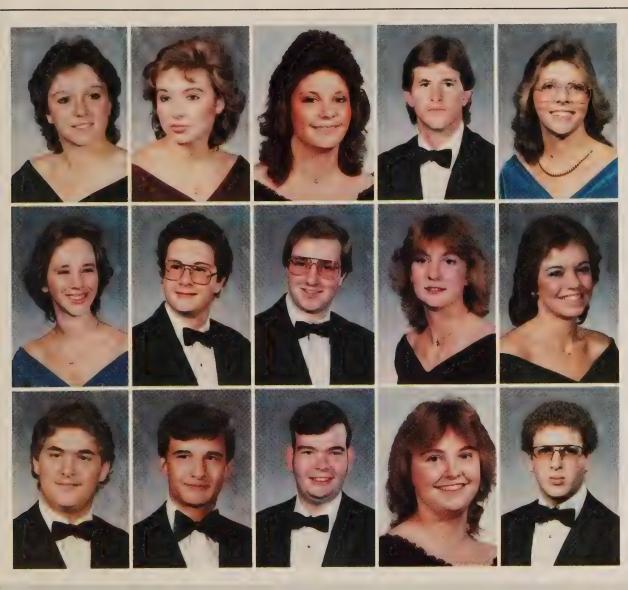






SUN AND FUN? Seniors have a "beach party" on the senior stage on Beach Day. This was one day when the seniors could let their "senioritls" explode

SENIOR CLASS OFFICERS — Standing behind class president Patty Necessary are Sharon Smith, treasurer; Robin Sprouse, vice-presdient; Michelle Widner, secretary; and on the top row Kris Cunningham, reporter.



Eric Adams
Jacque Adams
Robin Alvis
Janet Anders
Norma Anderson
Derrick Arnold
Cindy Ashley

Emmett Bane Lisa Bellamy Resa Blackburn Randy Blevins Brian Booher Meacha Booher Paula Booher

Ricky Boonjarias Tammy Bowers Robbie Branson Mike Bridgeman Matthew Bright Diane Bryant Ben Buchanan

## Countdown: 180, 179...

Reaching that final step of the academic ladder, becoming a senior, was met with mixed emotions and responses to "What being a senior means" varied from person to person. To some it meant graduation and to others it meant getting ready to be on their own. Senior Lisa Tilley said that being a senior was "being on top of the totem pole."

Most seniors agreed that what they enjoyed most about being a senior was looking forward to graduation and not having to come back to school. Some were looking forward to college or working and being on their own. Most seniors agreed with Robin Herron that "being able to get out of taking exams at the end of the

year" was of main importance. The Senior Luncheon was also on the list of top items in the senior year.

Seniors agreed that graduation affected their grades because of knowing they did not have to take exams if they had a "B" average. Senior Donnie Hoss said that he could do better but "I think sports keep my grades down more than anything. I can't make myself do homework after football practice." Some seniors felt that their grades were not affected in the first semester but were by the end of school. Patty Necessary said her grades were affected by "senioritis!"

Senior privileges seemed to be a sore spot for most seniors. They agreed that seniors did not have enough privileges. They also agreed that seniors need a parking lot, senior court and a senior lounge. Kris Cunningham remarked that seniors should "have a class meeting once a week." Most agreed that the senior stage should be equipped with vending machines and a jukebox. They also agreed the seniors should be allowed to go off campus to lunch. Valerie Wood said she belived "underclassmen should stand up when seniors enter the auditorium."

In spite of the problems with senior privileges, most seniors agreed it was their best year. Senior Eric Sikorski summed it up when he said, "Being a senior is being responsible, dedicated, and most of all just having an awesome time!"

Michelle Campbell Randy Campbell Sam Campbell Tina Carroll David Carty Bo Chapman Tammy Chapman Castella Charles Keith Childress Rob Clark Angel Collins Seletia Combs Richard Cook Bill Crawford Sonny Cross Valerie Crusenberry Kris Cunningham Mark Daniels Walter Dannhardt Wendy Davidson Julie Davis Lisa Davis Greg Diffenderfer Allen Dillard Jeff Dingus Michelle Dishner Annette Dougherty Jenny Draper Charles Dye Angela Eades Tina Edwards Sherri Elliott Kevin Farmer Mark Faust Pam Faust











# Choices, choices

or seniors, mailboxes stuffed with college mail, numerous registration fees to dish out and an increasing aversion to multipleguess questions signified one thing: time to start deciding if and where to go to college.

Most college-bound seniors began the college selection process with those ominous college boards — either SAT's of ACT's, followed by the long and sometimes anguishing weeks of waiting for their scores to be returned to them. A lot of seniors held the opinion that too much emphasis was placed on these scores and on Achievement Test scores by colleges and universities, since these tests are basically "a one-shot deal."

After taking the various required tests came the task of sorting through countless catalogs and pamphlets, talking to guidance counselors and making trips to college campuses in order to narrow down the choice of the colleges to

which they would apply. However, some students, such as senior Robin Herron, by-passed this choice making process. "I had always had my mind set on going to Virginia Tech," said Herron, "so I went ahead and applied early."

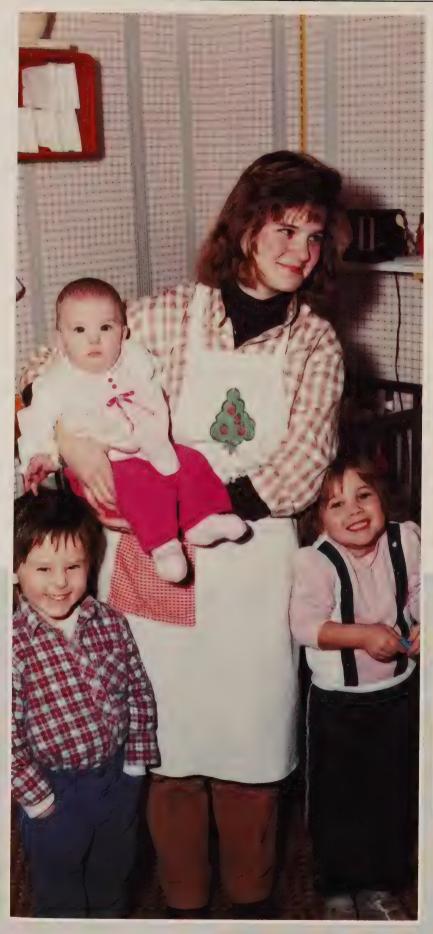
From the varied choices of college-bound seniors, Virginia institutions seemed to garner the most applications. Among the Virginia schools, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and Virginia Highlands Community College were extremely popular. Other choices extended from schools in near-by South Carolina to the Air Force Academy in Colorado.

For those who decided to forego college and get a job, there were still many choices to be made. Job applications had to be filled out, resumes written and interviews set up. So, whether seniors chose a college campus or the working world, they had one activity in common — making choices.



ANY IDEAS? Seniors Scotty Frazier, Kevin Farmer and Melanie McBroom discuss the possibilities offered by Virginia colleges and

universities. Cheaper tuition for instate students lured many students to stay in Virginia after graduating.











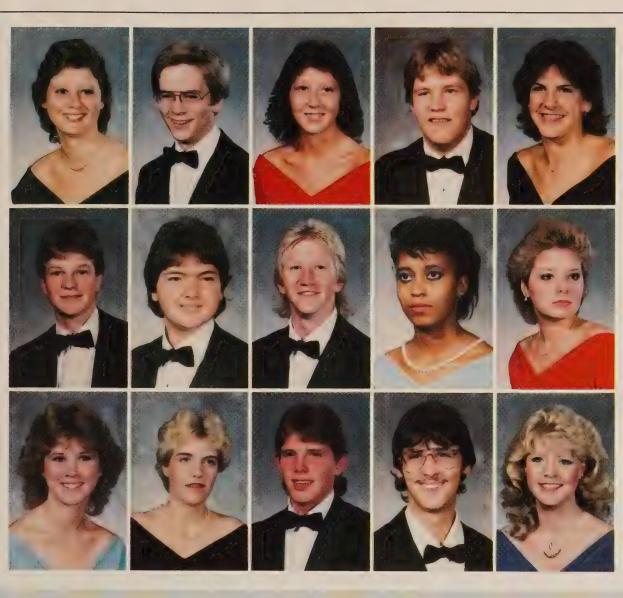






HARD AT WORK — Senior Julia Mullins looks over her records of daily accounts at Charter Federal Savings and Loan. Working was a necessity for many seniors in need of extra money.

PLAYTIME! — During her working hours at The Nurtury, a local daycare center, Senior Mandi Steele gets the children ready to go home. Job interests varied among working seniors.



Duane Goff Brian Goodman Michael Grigsby Jeff Hall Stan Haralson Michelle Harden Kathy Harper

Kevin Fleenor Katie Fleu Melissa Francis Scott Frazier Kena Fricker Brant Garritson Amy Geiger

Richard Harrison Jackie Hedrick Tracie Hennes Robin Herron Wayne Hess Perry Hicks Amy Hill

# In a working world

pending free stime looking through the want ads trying to find a job was a constant endeavor for students who felt they needed extra money. A majority of them worked at fast food restaurants because they usually required no experience but paid minimum wage.

Some people found jobs that were close to the field in which they wished to pursue after graduation.

Students got jobs when they realized that mom and dad were not quite as willing to pay for everything. Extra spending money was needed for ex-

tra-curricular activities, clothes and new cars. Senior Sharon Smith said, "I used to have a very closed mind about working because working involved work, but now that I have a job I really don't mind because I like having money."

Social life of students was hampered by their working hours. It was hard for seniors to find jobs that did not involve working on the weekend.

Homework was another problem connected with working students. It was hard to squeeze in time for school work while working late hours. Working

sometimes affected their grades or if done, left the student burning the midnight oil.

Some students left after four periods to go to work. They did this through their vocational classes. These students received a grade for working on a part-time job. They were placed in these programs by their instructional class

Although working caused social and homework problems it did provide that extra money needed for the items that mom and dad would not buy.

s their senior year rolled around, many students found Advanced Placement classes to be more appealing than they had been previously for a variety of reasons.

Of course, most AP students were those who had taken advantage of accelerated courses throughout most of their high school years. However, the weighted grading scale (5 points for an A instead of 4 and so on) tended to become more attractive to seniors who were becoming more and more GPA conscious. That extra quality point could be worth more in close competitions for class rank and other

A lighter class load was also a factor in some seniors' decisions to "go for it" by enrolling AP or other advanced courses. Since most seniors lacked only their final English and government credits, many did not feel pressured to take a full six-hour schedule. Senior Julia Mullins, who

left school after fourth period to go to her job at Charter Federal Savings and Loan, said that because she only took four classes, she felt she would have the extra study hours that an AP class required.

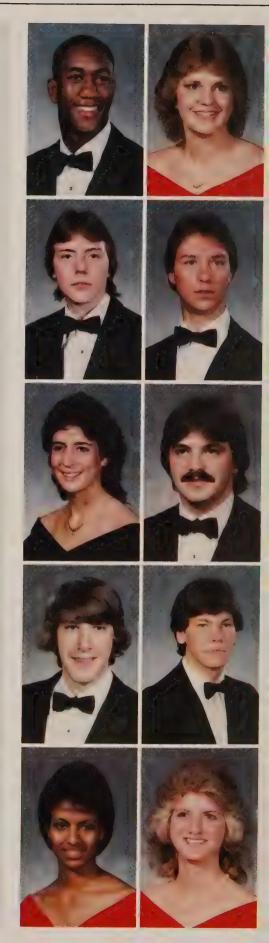
Other seniors who opted for advanced courses did so because they felt that the classes would better prepare them for college. Some also hoped to gain some "easy" credit hours by taking AP exams in various subjects. These exams were given in May, nationwide, by the College Board Advanced Placement Program, and most colleges and universities give partial to full credit for a score of three or above on one of these exams.

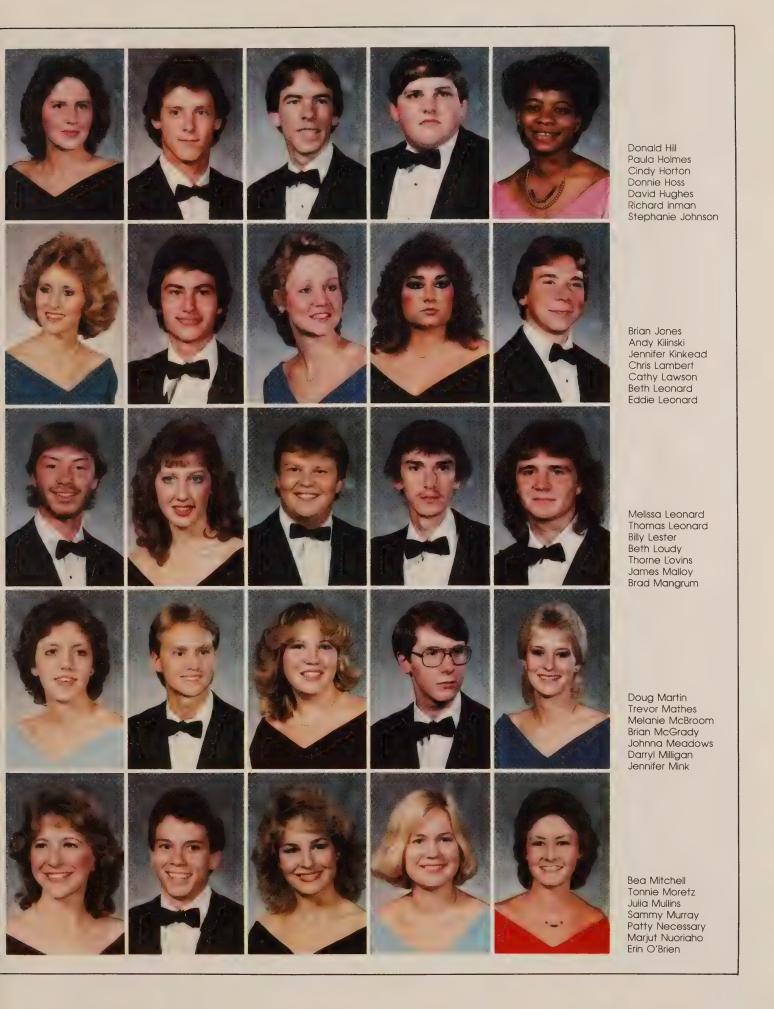
Whatever their motives, many seniors found that AP classes and other accelerated courses were, as Senior Steve Smith commented, "very rewarding in regard to high school achievement and preparation for meeting the demands of college and the working world."



A HELPING HAND — AP English teacher Nancy Whitley consults Robin Herron concerning a writing assignment. Pressure writings and es-

says were part of the AP curriculum designed to help college-bound students master writing skills.





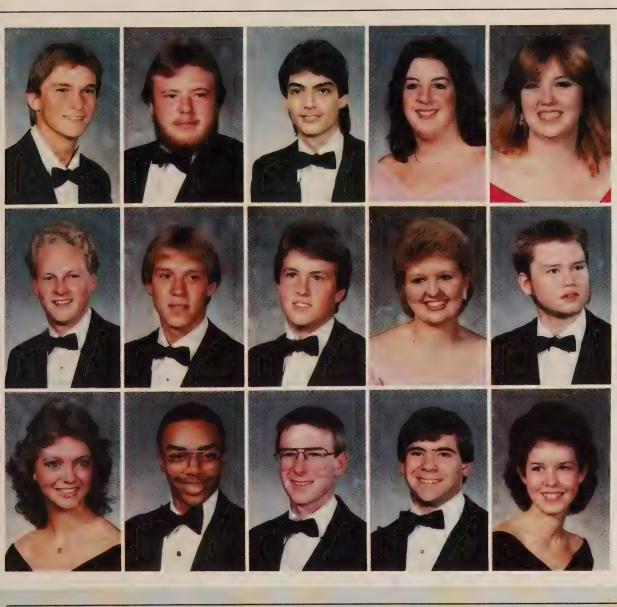






GO TEAM! The cheerleaders work to get the crowd fired up during the V-T game. This was the game that climaxed a week of hard work for the cheerleaders.

S-T-R-E-T-C-H-I Swimming coach Terry Caldwell helps Senior Emmett Bane with some stretching exercises.



Kim Ramey Shawn Roark David Roberts Phillip Roe Randy Salyer Cindy Sanders Don Sanderson

Robin O'Neil Jarvis Offield Billy Perry Bobby Price Ricky Quales Alesia Quillen Gloria Radney

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# Varsity veterans

edication was the one word that had to be in the vocabulary of a senior athlete. These athletes not only had college selections to make, applications to fill out and grades to keep up, they also endured hours of hard practice time.

Many athletes rose at early hours, endured a day at school, got to practice and then had to face piles of homework given to them by their teachers. Senior Michael Grigsby revealed, "Morning practice is essential to the sport of cross country and track. Getting up that early is a very strenuous task at first, but after a while you become adapted to the early morning hours."

There were also many rewards to being an athlete. Scholarships were available as well as the satisfaction gained by contributing to the success of the sport. Another reward was recognition at the All-Sports Banquet in the spring.

Some athletes also managed to squeeze in a job which they keep during their sport's season. This extra burden of getting homework finished made it even more difficult.

On days of games, matches or meets athletes were put into a real bind. Some had to arrange to be off work. Others just had to load on a bus right after school and many times not return until late at night.

Unlike most students on vacations from school (snow days, breaks, etc.), the student athlete had to rise from bed and go to the school for practice.

Even with all the burdens athletics put on a student-athlete the rewards outweighed all the bad things and most of the athletes would have done it all over again!

Charissa Shutters Bobby Shuttle Eric Sikorski Charlotte Sipes Cindy Smith Hope Smith Sharon Smith Steve Smith Robin Sprouse Keelie Stapleton Mandi Steele Tracy Stevens Rickie Stevens Denise Stinnette Jeff Stork
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### Got a minute?

n pare time? What spare time?" was an answer that many students might have given when asked about their spare-time activities. Yet, despite the fact that a majority of seniors shared the opinion that homework and jobs left them with too little spare time, most of them found time to squeeze in at least one of a variety of pastimes.

The activities that students enjoyed ranged from the glamorous to the practical to the usual. Various sports and school-sponsored functions such as chorale, clubs and the band were among the activities in which students invested a lot of their time. Band members especially could count on spending several weekends and evenings raising funds for their trip to New Orleans that took place in February.

The beginnings of a modeling ca-

reer filled Senior Tracy Stevens' free hours. Said Stevens, "I spend every free chance I get on modeling, whether it is studying my notes from modeling classes or doing fashion shows." Her efforts paid off when she had the opportunity to model with the A-Team's Dirk Benedict. who she found was "not as stuck-up as I though he would be."

Other students reaped similar rewards from their leisure time activities. Said Mandi Steele of her parttime job at The Nurtury, a local day care center, "I get lots of enjoyment and satisfaction — plus a paycheck!"

Whatever their favorite pastime might be, trying to cram homework. sports, jobs and various other activities into a twenty-four hour day sometimes left students wanting to take advantage of one universal pastime - SLEEP!



CATCHING UP — In an effort to stay on top of a reading assignment, senior Brian McGrady spends a few spare minutes with his nose in a book. Most seniors felt that homework took

up too much of their "spare" time, according to a poll taken in senior homerooms and Eng-















PURSUIT! Youth group members from the Central Presbyterian Church play a game of Trivial Pursuit with the 55 plus group in the church. This game was one of the activities that provided fun and fellowship.

HITTING THE SLOPES — Before leaving for a church skiing trip, Melanie McBroom discusses last minute details with Youth Director Bryan Read.













Greg Turner Kim Vanover Wendy Walden Bobby Walling Barry Webb Bekki Webb







Valerie Wood Tracie Woodmore Jeff Woods Cindy Wright Karen Yates Santina Young

# and fellows

unday nights — how did students spend this time before facing U school on Monday? Many were involved in youth fellowship groups at their churches. These groups shared in games, trips, work and studying.

Local youth groups participated in civic activities including Santa Pals, food baskets, car washes and community cleanups.

Youth groups sometimes involved giving up an entire weekend or even weeks of a student's busy schedule. Group activities included traveling to retreats in the mountains, weekends of skiing and lock-ins. Senior Amy Geiger said, "My church's young people traveled to retreats which enabled us to meet people from other churches and also provided learning situations."

Summer plans were a little more extensive. Youth conferences ran for weeks instead of two or three days. Beach plans were also set for some youth groups. One group from Euclid Avenue Baptist Church traveled to New York and Canada for a work project. Senior Tonnie Moretz revealed, "Teaching Bible camps and working in the slum areas helped me decide on my future vocation — working with and counseling the homeless and the troubled."

The value received from being in youth groups varied from person to person. According to those involved the meetings and activities provided a close-knit family feeling.

Young people were active because of the extensive involvement in the churches' activities. These events included cleanups, making banners, and helping in the worship service.

Some youth groups participated in the services for Sunday worship. These events involved much practice time and time memorizing lines. Youth Sundays were hard work, but many benefits were derived. Young people learned how to organize and run a ser-

Even with all of the weekends missed and schedule problems youth groups were popular and provided beneficial experiences for those involved.

# Picture perfect

perfect "10"; what was really meant by this numerical phrase? Could it have been a grade for some sort of test or exercise? No. It was used widely around the country to described the perfect human specimen.

From the female standpoint most girls fantasized about finding a man about six feet tall, weighing about 170 pounds, with brown hair and blue eyes according to a random survey.

"Someone who is nice, sweet, loving, and caring of the girl instead of himself," was Lisa McCroskey's description of her dream man.

Jennifer Kinkead added, "Someone who is well built, good looking, very considerate with a great personality and a tough tush."

Measuring up to the "ideal" male, accourding to the survey, were Richard Gere, Scott Baio, "Prince", Tom Cruise, and last, but not least, Rick Springfield.

As for the men, looks, body and personality were the deciding factors in the choice of a dream girl.

"Great looking, wonderful body, beautiful eyes and one heck of a personality," was the description given by Mark Daniels.

Michael Breeding seemed to see the issue very differently in replying, "There ain't one!!"

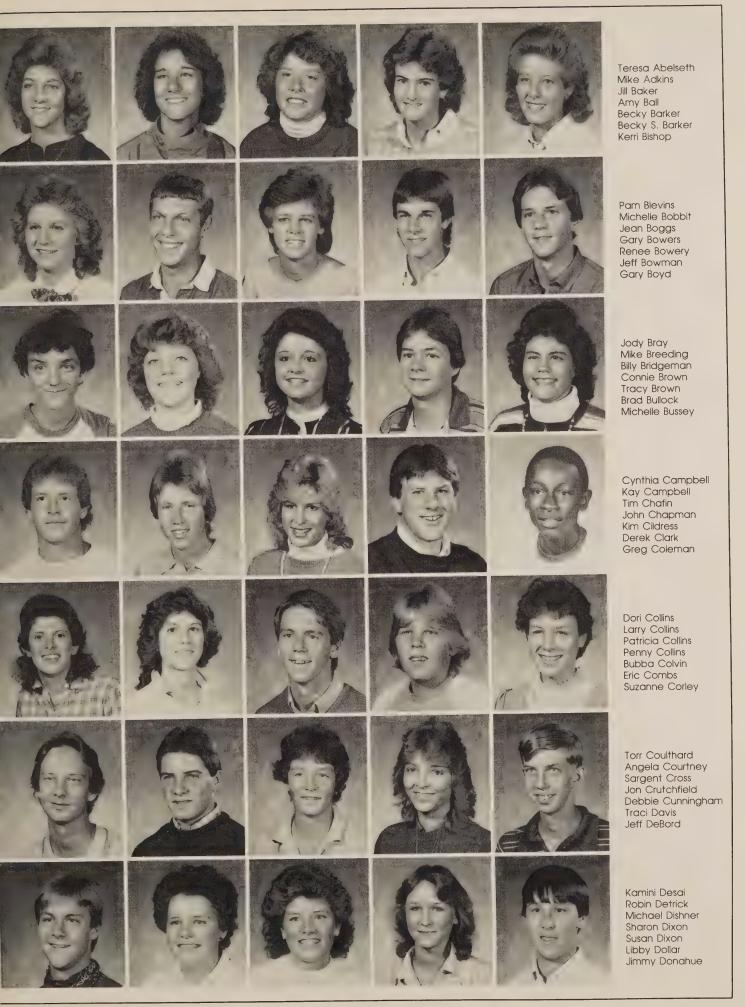
The top five females picked as a perfect "10" by the male students were Christi Brinkley, Pricilla Presley, Jane Seymore, and rounding out the list were Joan Collins and Linda Evans of "Dynasty."



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## Person to person

t seemed no day was complete until that inevitable telephone conversation between friends where daily and weekend events were discussed and rediscussed for

These conversations usually centered around what happened that day or who went out with whom or what the plans were for the weekend. Gloria Radney said she would "die without the telephone because I can visit all my friends without going anywhere".

Lisa Mitchell thought the telephone was great because she could talk on it a long time. A typical conversation sounded somewhat like "Hey, Mike, what's up? How was your day at school? Mine was pretty good I suppose, but it could have been just a little bit better. Listen, what are you doing this weekend?"

"Nothing, why?"

"Well, I was just wondering if you'd like to go out to eat and then afterwards go to the mall and see a movie or something?"

"You just watch and see if my teachers give me homework or a test to study for. Oh! I just hate school sometimes; it's a pain and a half."

"Well, better go now because I've got to call Jill. Bye, and I'll see you tomorrow."

The telephone became a necessity for reviewing the day's events or making plans for the future. It made friendships stronger and the memories of "I promise not to tell a soul" or "I can't believe what you're telling me" often became the basis of the next day's conversation. What a great convenience; somebody had the teenager in mind when the telephone was invented.



THE PHONE SYNDROME — Taking a phone away from a high school student would definitely not be as easy as taking candy from a baby! Junior Linda Goodwin wiles away a few of her afterschool hours talking on the phone to a friend.

## Not to worry

-N-Nervous? Nope, n-n-not me!" What rule was it that said that the average teenager had to suffer with what was often referred to as the "jitters"? Seems that every time a young person turned around, there was some reason for a strange phenomenon to occur which left him with a variety of symptoms that betrayed his feelings.

One could easily recognize these symptoms which might include any combination of the following: an increased heartbeat, sweaty palms, shifting eyes, shaking hands and knees or an obvious lack of words to express himself.

Most any everyday occurance could trigger these responses. In the course of a single day, this malady struck the unsuspecting student and left its toll.

At some time or other one of the hardest things to do was to try to explain why he was tardy to school. There was a list of excuses posted

outside the office door of Mrs. Laura McNutt, which seemed like really good ones, but somehow he was aware that probably they were unacceptable such as, "I ran out of gas; my hair dryer tore up; the dog tore up my homework; or Mom forgot to set the clock". No matter what excuse he really had, it didn't seem to sound valid enough. So he faced the day with time to be spent in detention hall.

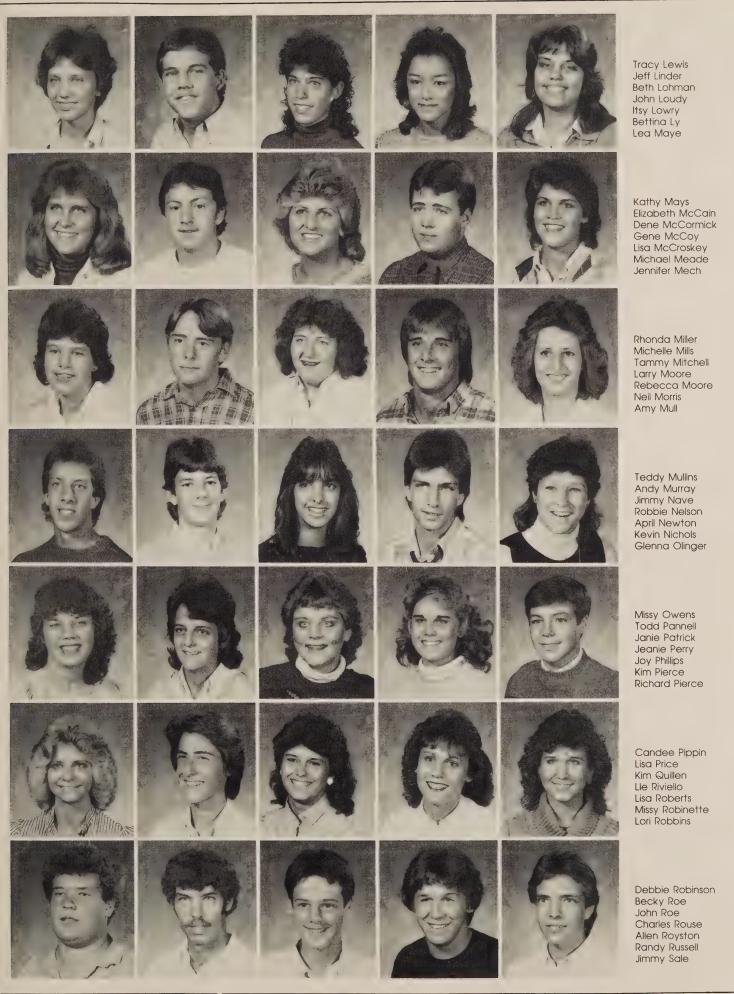
Other equally trying times during the day included passing that certain someone in the hall and not being able to say the words that had been rehearsed over and over to ask her to the dance. On top of that he couldn't find his homework, the locker wouldn't open and the bell was about to ring.

What more could happen? It just wasn't fair. Well, maybe tomorrow those "jitters" would attack someone else and he could enjoy what they often told him were "the best days of your life".



CUTTING IT CLOSE — Junior Penny Collins tries to squeeze in a quick stop at her locker before the bell rings. Students who were late to class faced up to an hour after school in detention hall.





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## A symbol of

aving eagerly awaited the arrival of their class rings ordered at the end of their sophomore year, members of the Junior Class were excited when the announcement came that they were in.

After receiving the long-awaited rings, fellow classmen exchanged compliments with one another. The rings offered a variety of stones, symbols and styles. If a student was involved in a sport, the symbol could be ordered to appear on the side. Other available symbols included journalism, debate, choir and band. Styles in either gold or white gold gave the student a wide variety from which to choose.

As always, the exchange of rings between dating couples was an important event. While the guys wore their girlfriend's ring on a chain, the girls were busy using tape or yarn to keep the guy's ring from falling off her finger.

The rings also symbolized the events and happenings of the past years, bringing them all one year closer to the big event they had all been waiting for — graduation. But these rings not only symbolized all that, they were reminders of good times and bad. Class rings were also victories, achievements and steps forward all bound up in an engraved band of gold.

To some, it was even more than that, Junior Sandy Johnson explained, "A class ring is an important part of growing up. The fact that it is very expensive means that your high school years are of value to you, and those who own rings keep them forever."



**SHOWING OFF** — Having just received their class rings at the beginning of the year, several juniors proudly display them for a staff photographer. Getting class rings was a sort of milestone for juniors — only one more year!

## Follow the crowd

anging around the mall or stopping by one of the many hamburger or pizza spots were just a few of the many places where students could be found during their spare time. These hangouts were places to get away from school and to relax and have fun with friends.

Sophomores enjoyed these hangouts especially because they were starting to fit in with the upperclassmen. The sophomores enjoyed the attention they received from the upperclassmen because they were not considered "green" anymore.

Even though many sophomores were seen at these hangouts, several had mixed feelings about going to these places. April Dillow explained. "It's all right for students to go to keep them out of trouble, but if you really care about grades, the only place to

be is home."

Candy Price, Shannon Scyphers, and Kelly Klepper claimed that they loved to go to the hangouts because there was nothing else to do and it was fun. Laura Wood pointed out, "If that is the only way to keep us off the streets, why should anyone mind?"

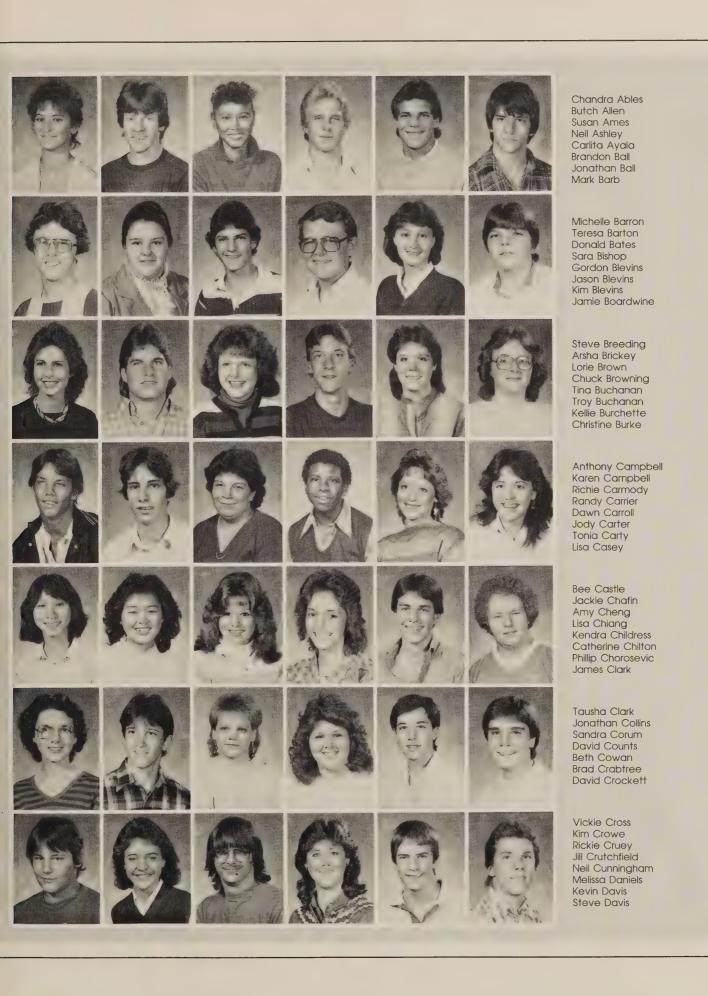
Even though there was studying for a test or some type of homework to do for school, students could always go to any of these places and find someone there they knew to discuss it.

Whether it was going to the mall or where ever, there was usually a familiar face to be seen. Although Monday arrived and another school week was ahead, there was always the weekend to look forward to when one could talk to his or her friends and find out the latest news. They knew to check the handouts.



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Debbie Johnson Kristine Johnson



## A real life-saver

ardio-Pulminary Resuscitation, CPR for short, was a requirement for the sophomores and was taken during swimming class for about one week. If the course was not completed, it was carried over to the next week the students were in swimming

Most of the sophomores interviewed thought it was a great idea for CPR to be taught and hoped they would remember what they had learned should an emergency occur which required these skills.

One person admitted, "If you didn't care enough to take the course seriously, you should fail for the year."

Of those interviewed, the guys were the ones who did not like taking the course. One boy replied, "CPR would

be okay if something else was used besides "Rescue Annie". This was a doll that Coach Terry Caldwell, the instructor, used to teach the course. Most of the girls said they were not happy about "Rescue Annie", but they were glad it was required and thought that everyone should be taught the course.

"We teach all of the freshmen and sophomores and that is an awful lot of kids," said Caldwell. "If just one of those kids saved a life, it would be worth all the effort we put into the course."

He continued to say, "Eighty percent of the people who learn CPR practice it on a family member. I enjoy teaching CPR because of the value it provides to the Bristol area,"



TO SAVE A LIFE — Two sophomore students work on their CPR procedures during swimming class. CPR was a requirement for every freshmen and sophomore student.

## Behind the wheel

Il sophomores were required to pass the course of Drivers' Education to be able to get their license at sixteen. The course contained forty-eight hours of training consisting of thirty-six hours in the classroom, five observation hours at the driving range, five hours driving on the range and two hours driving on the road.

Before anyone could receive a license, he or she had to obtain a learner's permit. To get this, the student had to be fifteen years and eight months of age and pass a written test and eye examination conducted by the Division of Motor Vehicles.

During the classroom hours, students

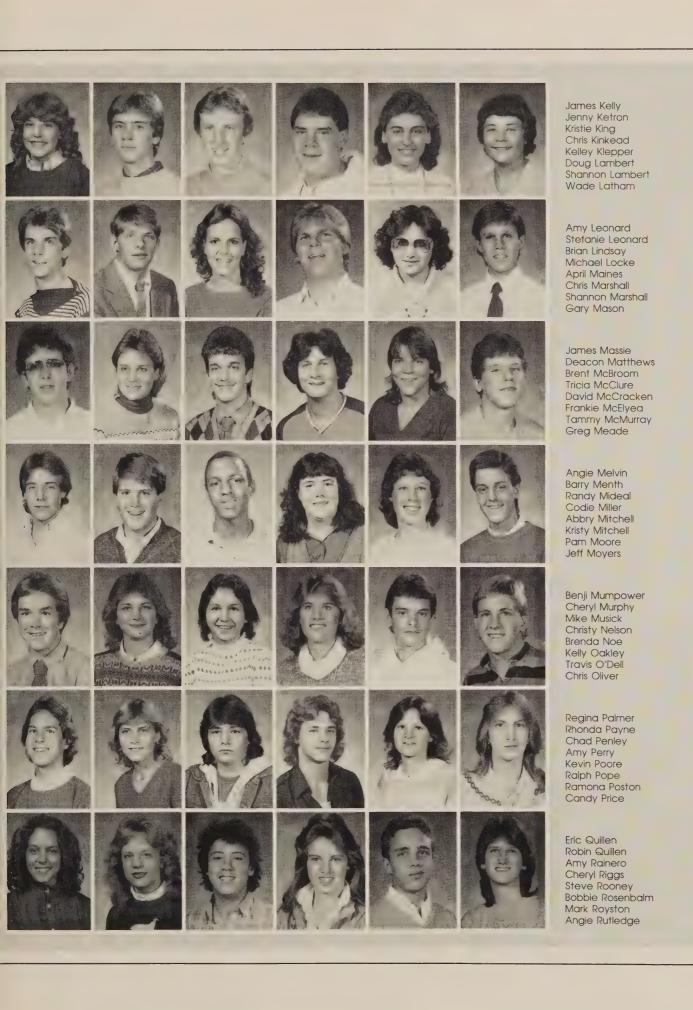
learned about the rules of the road, road signs, insurance policies for new drivers, how to drive in bad weather conditions, how to prepare the car in case of emergencies, how to drive a straight shift, and, most importantly, emphasis upon drinking and driving was discussed.

Drivers' Education was a necessity to become a good and a safe driver. Mrs. Patty Baker, one of the driving instructors, confirmed this by pointing out, "Teenage drivers are involved in one out of every five fatal accidents; this involves nine thousand teenagers fifteen to nineteen years old." She added that, "five thousand teens die a year in drinking-driving accidents."



READY TO GO - Coach Eddie Icenhour prepares to instruct sophomores Kristi Mitchell and Darlene Gross during Driver's Education class. All sophomores were required to pass Driver's Education class before receiving their license.





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## Breakers 'move'

oppin''', "the worm", "the wave", "head spinning", moon walking"... doesn't sound much like dancing moves, huh?

These were a few terms associated with the latest craze of breakdancing. Although breakin' had become extremely popular to all ages, it was widely accepted by teenagers. Music videos and breakin' were featured in the Spring Festival for the past two years and were a hit with the audiences.

Breakers displayed a huge amount of talent and always proved to be entertaining. They appeared as boneless, rubberband humans, moving to a pulsing, breakdancing beat. With boxes blaring, breakers performed individually or in a group.

VHS had its share of breakers. Fred DeLapp, Lance Horton, Lorenzo Johnson, Mario DeLapp, Mark Elam, Muasev Clark, Bee Castle, John Brown, Shawn Foote, Phillip Williams and Clifton Howard were members of just one group.

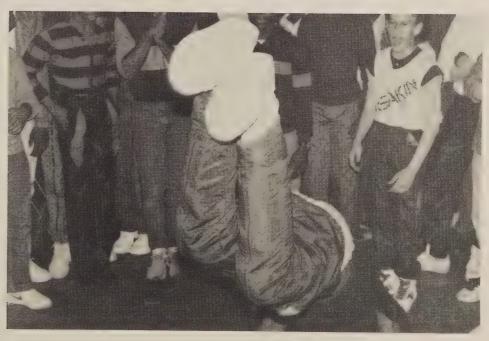
Horton revealed that he learned breakdancing "mostly by watching my cousin Mario. He showed me a few

moves here and there". Fred DeLapp explained that they taught themselves and each other. Television breakers were what inspired and taught Clifton Howard

Fred DeLapp and Howard shared the same sentiment as to why they liked dancing — mainly money, but it was something to do when they were bored or had free time. "I like to dance and move around," answered Horton. He continued to say that he "can't stay put and when you breakdance, you have to move a lot!"

Practice times varied widely. "During the summer our group practiced about five times a week and then we would practice individually. I personally practice about two hours a week," revealed Howard. Horton practiced in his spare time. He sometimes got together with his running partners Fred De-Lapp and Johnson to "put on a show."

Williams, the veteran breaker, had been dancing for six years while other group members started in the summer of '84. Howard was the newest to breakin' but all admitted it had added a new dimension to their lives.



JAM ON IT — Sterling Taylor shows a few of his breakdancing moves during one of the high school dances. Breakdancing proved to be popular among high school students



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Darrell Bryant
Jerry Campbell
Teresa Campbell
Traci Campbell
Lisa Carrier
Lisa Dawn Carrier



## Bottom of the ladder

t did not take long to recognize them. They were the ones who carried all their books to each class, asked directions to the library, always forgot their locker combination or could not get to class on time. Ask anybody who was guilty of this behavior and the answer would invariably be ... FRESHMEN!

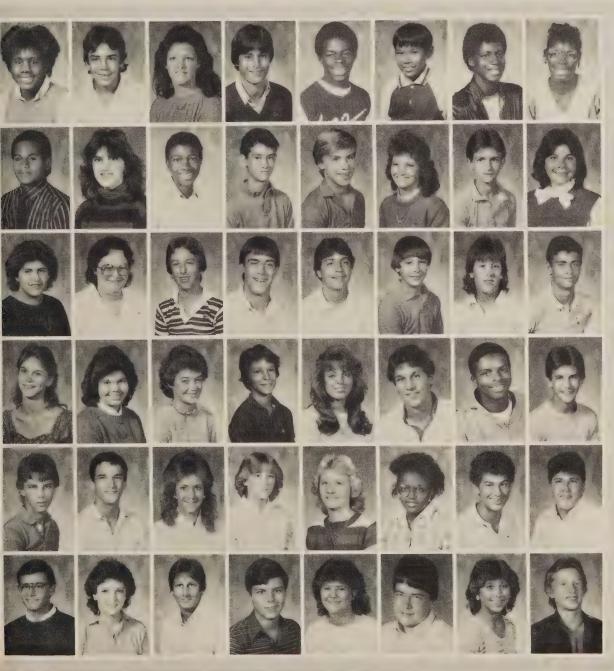
Even though they knew they were at the bottom of the ladder in the order of prestige among students, this did not hamper their spirits. They were

t did not take long to recognize glad to be in high school and proud to them. They were the ones who carbe Bearcats.

So what if they had to take ribbing from the upperclassmen? Being a freshman did not last forever; and besides, didn't everyone have to go through this at some point in their lives? Anything was better than junior high. Just think of all the wonderful times ahead of them: going out with that special person instead of sitting at home watching television, hanging out with the gang at the mall, going to the

high school dances, and eventually dressing up for the prom. It might mean a little more waiting for all this to come true, but it was worth it.

Some freshmen resented being called "green" but many took it in stride. As one freshman put it, "Those seniors surely can be snobs, but we just smile and think about next year when we'll be sophomores and they will once again become freshmen when they go to college."



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Jamie Coleman
David Collins
Donnie Combs
Krista Combs
Mark Counts
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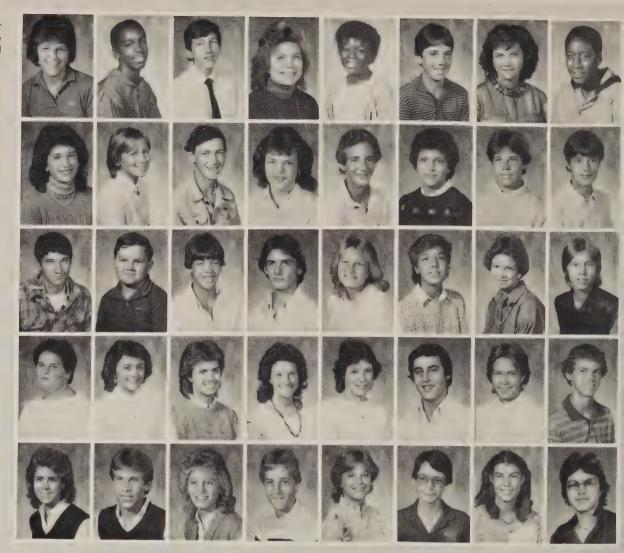
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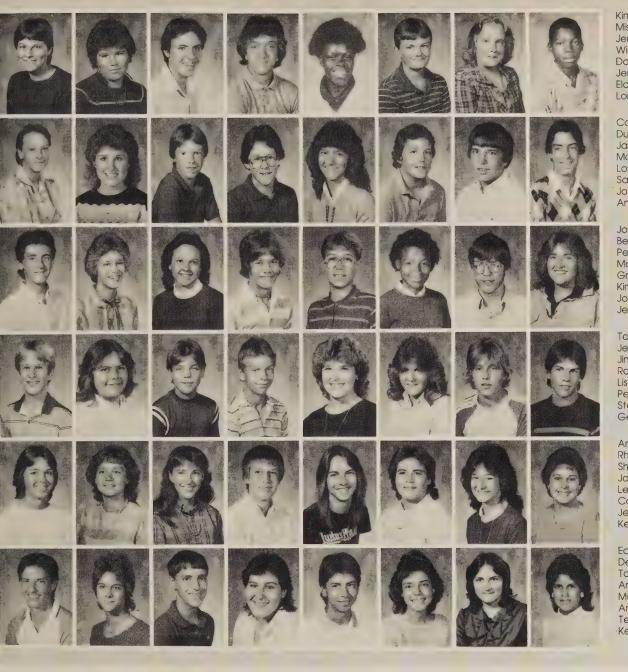
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THE WAITING GAME — Students wait after school for a ride home. Without a car of their own, this or riding the school bus were the only alternatives.





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## 'Stranded' 'til 16

h, if I only had my license then I would be able to go," was a very familiar lament among freshmen. Most had to wait until they were sophomores and some their junior year before receiving their license.

The most important requirement toward reaching that goal was taking Driver's Education, a course designed for the sophomore level. If students did not pass the class, they had to wait until they were nineteen, according to Virginia law.

According to opinion, those who rode with parents or friends were considered to be lucky. Most disliked riding the bus. Kelly Paisano confessed, "I hate riding the bus; I wish they would put shelters up so we wouldn't have to stand in the rain."

Others wanted their licenses for a variety of reasons. Geoff Moran replied, "The best reason I can think of to have my license is girls." Not having

licenses created numerous problems. According to some, not being able to go to the mall on Friday nights or a game and a dance was a cruel punishment.

Another punishment was having to meet that special someone instead of picking him or her up. Whatever the reason was to have a license, owning a car was a goal freshmen looked forward to.



GOOD TIMES — Tara Fuller and Brad Helton find a moment alone in the hall between classes. This was a very special time during the day to make plans for later or just to say hello.

Tommy Parker Tiffany Pierce Tammy Pippin Jeffrey Powers Billy Price Tina Pridemore John Pruner Donnie Qualies

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## Risky business

om, may I go out this Friday night?" That was one of the most frequent questions from freshmen concerning their first experiences with dating

When freshmen got to high school, they began dating and going out with that special person in a car. They no longer had to stay at home and watch TV, but along with going out, they found that there were more responsibilities involved.

Krista Ramey confessed she was "very nervous when I started dating", but she liked it more as time went on.

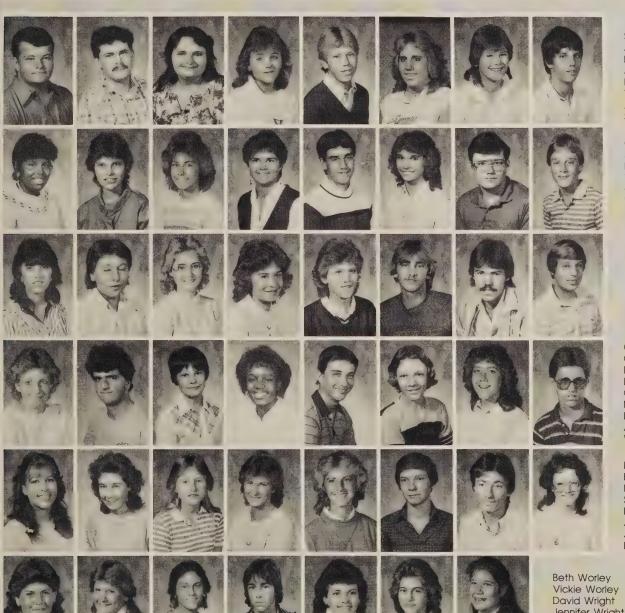
Becky Flannary said, "dating is fun and good relationships are okay; just don't get too serious or you might end up getting hurt."

Katrina Hayden said "dating one person is okay, but it is better just to play the field."

This seemed to be the opinion of most of the freshmen surveyed concerning dating: getting too serious might hurt the person who has no experience.

Shannon Horton warned, "You should date when you are older" and Matt Chandler said it was great when he got to go out.

Jamie Coleman concluded that "dating is very exciting only if you have the money to pay for what you are doing that evening."



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HELPING CELEBRATE — Superintendent Jack French and Director of Instruction Norma Lester. chat before the Senior Luncheon. The luncheon was at the Bristol Country Club and honored the Class of 1985.



ALUMNI RETURN — Principal A.T. Outlaw and English teacher Annette Acuff talk with former graduates Mark Corley and Hans Kistner at the Departmental Awards May 14. Students often returned to school functions and greeting them was one of Principal Outlaw's more pleasant responsiblities.

EXCUSED, THIS TIME - Mrs. Laura McNutt, assistant principal/guidance counselor, gives an admit to class to Gene McCoy and Billy Perry. Mrs. McNutt was in charge of tardies, absences and early withdrawals.



TIME OUT — Assistant Vocational Director Jack Cummins and Assistant Principal Paul Hurley find a little humor during a break in a busy day. From making tough decisions to scheduling classes or dispensing discipline, administrators welcomed a break in the routine.

# Change of pace

C tudents were pleasantly surprised when they returned to school in August. The front hall had been completely renovated with office spaces rearranged and modernized. The administrative offices and guidance complex were complete with individual offices, reception areas, conference room, computer workroom for teachers, a clinic and ample storage space.

All of this was enhanced by landscaping around the front entrance to the school, a project shared by the School Board, PTA and civic organizations who contributed to the beautification project.

"It was such a nice surprise to see the efforts made to modernize and beautify our school," said Tonnie Moretz, a senior. "It made the regular routine of the day more pleasant."

Seniors were the first to graduate with the newly adopted 22-unit diploma in the advanced studies curriculum incorporated as a college preparatory program. The move, made by the State Board of Education and implemented by the local board, raised the previous graduation minimum by two units, distributed in the math/science

The compulsory curriculum included three units of math, three of science

DECISION MAKER — Vocational Director Paul Dugger takes care of business. Dugger announced his retirement at the close of the year after 12 years as director of the vocational department

and three in one foreign language or two units in each of two languages. Students in this advanced program who maintained at least a B average graduated with a diploma bearing a special seal from the Governor. The regular diploma was raised to 20 units.

Other actions by the School Board included restrictions on grade point averages, early graduation and a homework policy. Plans were also initiated to begin work on the expansion of the library facilities and an updating of the science wing.

The school term was marked by the suits, appeals and legal maneuvers stemming from the firing of former superintendent Royce Quarles by the current School Board. Quarles fought for reinstatement to his former post before its expiration in June and claimed the Board had deprived him of his constitutional rights when it fired him without a hearing. The first lawsuit, filed in December, sought \$1.4 million from the Board and although the Board offered him a teaching position, a second lawsuit was filed by Quarles asking that the court keep the school board from terminating or failing to renew his contract. At the close of school June 7, the case was still in litigation.



SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS - Front row: Clerk Dorothy Cox, Chairman Curtis Davis, Superintendent Jack French and member Oscar Broome. Back row: Members James K. Fleenor, John Snodgrass, Louise Bowdoin and Attorney Walter



WHAT'S WRONG — Mrs. Janet Crutchfield talks with Christine White before classes begin. Mrs. Crutchfield was the secretary for the Vocational Department.

MAY I HELP YOU? — Mrs. Elizabeth Whitaker answers one of the many phone calls she receives each day. This is just one of the many tasks she takes care of as the year goes by.







PLEASE HOLD — Mrs. Linda Pope makes a call for one of the administrators. Mrs. Pope not only was a receptionist for administrators, but also took care of the attendance reports and all of the loose ends in the school.

WHAT NOW? — Mrs. Dee Halstead keys a program into a computer. Mrs. Halstead served as an aid in the library and also helped any student locate materials they could not find.





# Keeping count

Telephones ringing, bells sounding, loud speakers blaring, and 983 students moving in every direction. Add to this a memo from the principal that needs immediate attention, calling a parent whose child wants to check out, or a dozen other possible situations adding to the confusion. These are just some of the activities that start the day for the secretaries of the school.

Mrs. Linda Pope, receptionist, always seemed to find "something interesting every day; you never know what's going to happen," she said.

The five secretaries kept the school running efficiently. They were Mrs. Janet Cruthfield in the Vocational Department, Mrs. Marie Leonard in the Guidance Department, Mrs. Dee Hal-

stead in the library and in the main office Mrs. Elizabeth Whitaker and Mrs. Pope.

Mrs. Elizabeth Tackett, who handled all money transactions, said she enjoyed the people she worked with most about her job.

All the secretaries reported that they enjoyed their work and helping the students in any way possible.



COLLEGE ANYONE? — Mrs. Marie Leonard helps Eric Sikorski find college applications. This was a service that the guidance department provided to help seniors find colleges that would be suitable to their needs.

MONEY TALK — Randy Campbell takes time to stop and chat with Mrs. Elizabeth Tackett while she has some free time. In her capacity as central treasurer, she is responsible for all monetary transactions with clubs and organizations plus all school business transactions.



# Helping hands

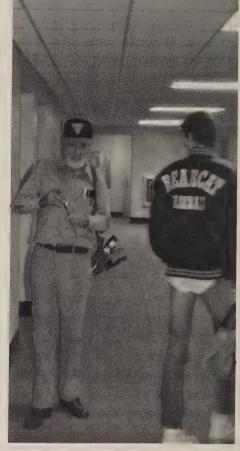
ot only did the 8:05 bell mean the starting of another school day for the students and teachers, but also for two important groups of people as well, the cafeteria personnel and the custodians.

The cafeteria personnel started early every day to prepare lunches for students and teachers. The menus were planned from the central office, but slots were left for the manager's own choices. The students had variety of lunches from which to choose, and there were always the hotdog-hamburger lines. There was also the salad bar, that was offered at the beginning of the school year and at the end, but during the winter, there were a choice between a variety of soups and sandwiches.

ANOTHER BUSY DAY — Mrs. Betty Messer prepares a dish for the oven while Cafeteria Manager Billie Morris assists Mrs. Betty Silva. Their day started before 8 a.m. and extended after 2:30.

The custodians were always willing to lend a hand when a problem occurred. Both groups revealed what they liked most about their jobs. Custodian Barbara Woods explained that, "self-accomplishment," was what she liked best about her job, and Cafeteria Manager Billie Morris cheerfully added that "the challenge" was the best part of her job. She continued with, "trying to do things students enjoy, and that I am always open for suggestions. It is very gratifying when they seem pleased with the meals we serve."

WHAT ELSE DO I NEED? Maintenance worker George Hushour decides what tools he needs while Jeff Daniels looks on. There was always something to be repaired or installed.







EVERYTHING OKAY? Principal Tim Outlaw and Custodial Supervisor Paul Ackley check things out during a basketball game. Custodians were often on duty for evening events at the school.

MORE FRIES, PLEASE — Mrs. Joyce Fleenor helps Mrs. Bobbie McCoy bring in another tray of French fries. Side dishes helped add extra flair to lunches





ALMOST DONE — Mrs. Joyce Fleenor prepares mashed potatoes for lunch. Students were offered a variety of choices from a full meal to short orders to a multi-item salad bar to suit their tastes.



 $\it MAYIHELP\ YOU-$  Sherry Mullins serves punch at the reception for the PTA Award recipients. The PTA sponsored the awards and the reception.



THIS LOOKS GOOD — Principal Tim Outlaw and PTA President Jim Geiger look over one of the many trees that have been planted. The PTA helped sponsor the landscaping project.

JUST A LITTLE MORE — PTA officers prepare for reception guests. Open House provided parents with a chance to see the students' teachers at the first PTA meeting in the fall.





## A new look

e need pine bark, three dogwood trees, some bushes"
... These were the requests made by President Jim Geiger as he ordered trees for an ongoing project of the PTA. The trees were donated by various civic organizations, clubs at the school, and by individuals in the community who gave memorial gifts.

The PTA started the year by providing refreshments for the freshmen on Orientation Day. The teachers were also treated to a brunch on a work day.

The first meeting of the PTA was the Open House. This provided the parents with a chance to meet their child's teachers and also to see how fast their child must run to the next class. There was also a reception for the parents.

The PTA's only fund-raising event was the annual V-T week Hot Dog supper on the night of the bonfire. This supper was held on the night before the game. The PTA was active in the

state PTA Reflections Program. An outstanding number of students participated in the cultural arts contest which includes art, literature, and music. The school won several Holston District and state Honors.

Among the winners were Cam Azbill, Kevin Adams, Jean Boggs, Pete Green, Cindy Wright, Phillip Eades, Amy Cheng and Lle Riviello. These awards were presented along with awards from every department at the PTA Awards Night. A reception was held afterwards.

The PTA ended the year by serving the All-Sports Banquet. Around 250 athletes and dates, coaches and guests enjoyed an evening of food and awards. The award winners in each sport were given a color photograph of the presentation by the PTA.

The PTA had a productive year of projects and special events for the community, teachers, parents and especially the students.





CONGRATULATIONS — Pete Green receives an art award from Mrs, Mildred Copenhaver. Green received a PTA award for winning first place in local and honorable mention in the district for his watercolor.

PTA OFFICERS — Treasurer Mr. Bill Locke, Second Vice-President Mrs. Barbara Mullins, Secretary Mrs. Carol Stump, President Jim Geiger, First Vice-President Mrs. Linda Pruner, Newsletter Editor Mrs. Linda Hill, Parlimentarian Mr. Richard Fisher, and Principal Tim Outlaw.

# of support

oney! This elusive fact of life played a major role in the life of every student, but it also posed problems for the yearbook staff.

Many hours were devoted to ad sales beginning as early as July. The hopeful, amateur salesman adorned their bodies with respectable clothes and their faces with expectant smiles. The seemingly forbidding walls of industry were braved and, upon arrival, it was surprisingly discovered that the businessmen were more that ready to fulfill their requests.

Goals set by the yearbook's advertising managers were surpassed, thanks to the seasoned support from the community, but the yearbook was not the only avenue available to school supporters. Clubs were constantly in need of funds, teams often needed additional money, and the newspaper also needed advertisements for its monthly issue.

Ambition of the students and encouragement from the community combined to bring out everyone's vital signs — high standards and superior accomplishments intermingled with everyday life.



THIS LOOKS GOOD — Juniors Matt Thiel and Tommy Hyatt browse through Hickory Farms, one of the many financial supporters of the yearbook.

NIGHT ON THE TOWN — Noel Thackery, Bee Castle, and David Counts enjoy their Saturday night in the social spot of Bristol. The mall provided the yearbook with a rich source of advertisers.





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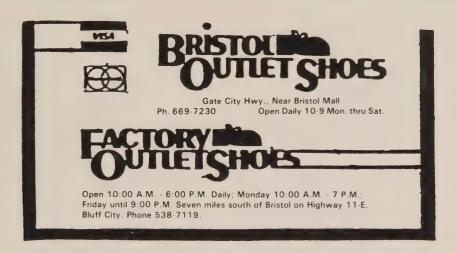
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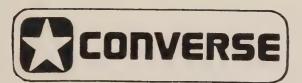
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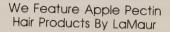
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#### **FAVORITE SONG:**

- 1. Rhythm of the Night (DeBarge)
- 2. You're the Inspiration (Chicago)
- 3. Heaven (Bryan Adams)
- 4. Crazy For You (Madonna)
- 5. A View To A Kill (Duran Duran)
- 6. Let'sGo Crazy (Prince & the Revolution)
- 7. Relax (Frankie Goes to Hollywood)
- 8. Suddenly (Billy Ocean)
- 9. Hello (Lionel Richie)
- 10. Like À Virgin (Madonna)

#### FAVORITE ALBUM:

- 1. Chicago "17" (Chicago)
- 2. Purple Rain Soundtrack (Prince & The Revolution)
- 3. Reckless (Bryan Adams)
- 4. Like A Virgin (Madonna)
- 5. 1984 (Van Halen)
- 6. Seven & the Ragged Tiger (Duran Duran)
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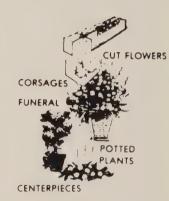
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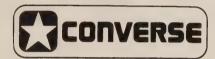
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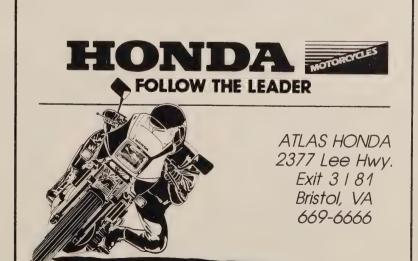




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Trivial Pursuit swept the nation, and it proved to be a smashing success on the teenage scene. It provided hours of fun at parties, on dates, or at any other type of gathering.

Another common activity in Bristol was "rolling" yards. Much to the dismay of students and teachers alike, each weekend usually saw numerous raids that resulted in trees and porches filled with toilet paper. An infamous group of these young artists known as the "Roll Patrol" made their rounds in various neighborhoods, giving many of their friends the distinct pleasure of trying to clean their lawns before anyone else saw them.

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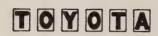
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'Big'' things were all the rage for guys and girls alike. Baggy jeans replaced traditional skintight Levi's, while tucks, darts, and gathers contributed to the fullness of dressy slacks as well. The denim jacket was not only updated with stonewashed material, but it also became larger with shoulder pads and gathers. Conventional oxford cloth button-down shirts were often replaced with oversized, crinkled cotton ones. When all these pieces were put together, they made a comfortable outfit that never failed to catch attention.

Warmer weather came around the corner

and color coordination moved from natural, earthy hues to bright fluorescents. Shocking pinks, paired with electric greens were common sights on female bodies in springtime. Shirts, pants, skirts, socks, tights and jewelry could be found in these new neons.

Springtime also ushered in a new attitude toward hairstyles. Cuts often became shorter and layered. Mousses and gels were pupular styling tools, and the use of them usually resulted in a carefree unusual style. A new-wave inspired look was "in", so it often seemed that more hair was sticking up than hanging down!

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# Alive and kicking Vital signs remain steady

hat's the difference between ''alive'' and ''alive and kicking''?

For the guys on the tennis team it meant setting their sights on the AA State Championship and, once they got there, placing in the semi-finals. For junior wrestler George Creger it meant qualifying for State and for the baseball team it meant a hard fight for its third state championship since 1981, only to lose the final game 10-7 to Midlothian.

"Alive and kicking" meant breaking several track records for junior Kim Smith, attending the CVC Magnet School for Angela Courtney and Lle Riviello, and being accepted into the Governor's School for the Gifted program for Suzanne Corley.

For basketball coach Ballard Lee, it meant snapping back from a sudden heart attack: for Athletic Director Eddie Dutton and his family, it meant an ongoing battle against cancer.

Yes, achievements were vital signs — signs of life — but so were changes, inside and out. Changes to the school itself included a new and long-awaited public address system and the beginnings of construction on the expansion of the library.

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SIDELINE SUPPORT — Big Orange Band Director Costa Geros encourages from the sidelines during the V-T game field show while Tennessee High's band director, Mr. George Wenger, looks on. Two weeks before school was out, Geros announced his resignation, ending a seven-year career marked by a tradition of excellence.

SPRING FEVER — As the temperature climbed above 60° for the first time in months, students made the best of every free moment. Jill Crutchfield, Suzette Gray, April Maines and Sandra Henley catch some rays during lunch.

BREAKIN' — Somewhere on the crowded floor a group of break-dancers could always be found. Tia Clark and her partner keep up the breakin' tradition.



### Vital signs

As for academics, the 22-credit diploma made its debut as did a new school board policy on homework. The faculty also underwent a major change, losing eight members — six to retirement and four to resignations.

Then what was so vital about the everyday routine? Well, even the break-ups, cramming for exams and passing notes in detention hall were part of that steady beat that continued through 180 days of the year. Those were vital signs, too — not always on the up-beat, but usually on the up-swing.



INITIATED — Quill and Scroll member Tammy Bowers adjusts the membership pin as she welcomes Lle Riviello into the national journalism society. The installation ceremony for new members was a featured part of the publications banquet May 29.



CLEARING OUT — Maintenance workers begin to clear out trees and shrubs from the area that was to become

part of the library expansion. The wo began after the School Board gave approval in the May meeting.



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